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START ON BRIDGE

REBUILT STRUCTURE OVER 102 RIVER BIG IMPROVEMENT

A 200-FOOT TRESTLEWAY

Contractor Paul Randall Will Rush Work as Fast as Possible—Believes Concrete Will be Necessary Later

The first bridge crew to work on the new structure across the One Hundred and Two river near the pumping station on the state road reported this afternoon and another will be ready by the last of the week. The work is under the direction of Paul Randall of Bolckow.

Mr. Randall said this morning he did not know just how long it would take to complete the job, but the work would be rushed as fast as possible. The present bridge over the new channel will be left until the steel bridge is rebuilt and about 200 feet of new trestle work is completed. About ten men will be engaged in the work.

Said Mr. Randall, in speaking about the work this morning, "while the rebuilt structure will be a big improvement over the present crossing there, making a straight roadway over the trestle connecting the ends of the road, instead of the double curve as at present, it is too bad that the county is not able to afford a concrete structure there. It is going to be necessary to build one day, for this road carries more heavy traffic than any road leading to Maryville. It would be a big thing for the whole county to have a concrete bridge there and any measures that would bring it about ought to be heavily supported."

It is expected the road will be closed for two weeks or longer and traffic will have to go a mile north and enter Maryville by way of the Lee hill road.

A TRAIL OF COIN IN HIS WAKE

The French Marvel at Uncle Sam's "Millionaire" Soldiers—Known as "Rich Men's Regiments"

Washington, Dec. 6.—The American soldier is generally known in the foreign lands by the trail of coin which he leaves in his wake. With this reputation already before him, what the natives of other foreign lands will think when certain American outfits arrive "in their midst" is now a matter of conjecture with officers whose particular concern is these regiments.

The organizations referred to are a product of the war. They are known as "rich men's regiments," and are worthy of the name.

These units have already made a reputation for themselves, not as spendthrifts, but for the big incomes possessed by the personnel.

For instance, a certain engineer regiment at Camp Meade is made up principally of graduates of colleges and technical institutions. About 65 per cent of the enlisted men gave up incomes of from $5,000 a year upward to serve for $30 a month.

Another regiment of engineers at a camp near here is composed of men of high technical attainments, whose civilian incomes outrange those of some officers. Some of the officers of the technical branches were big consulting engineers whose incomes ran to five figures.

In a big southern training camp is, or was, a squadron of crack National Guard cavalry, whose members were big business men and rich men's sons. One of these units distinguished itself on the border when some of its "buck privates" went in for high power motor cars. One such squadron, now changed to field artillery, has in its ranks and among the officers some of the wealthiest business men of Washington.

These men are not reckless spenders, but are every inch soldiers, and intend to prove it on the other side.

Pleads Not Guilty to Assault

Wm. Wilfong, charged with assault with intent to kill, was arraigned before Judge John M. Dawson in circuit court yesterday afternoon, where he pleaded not guilty to the charge. His bond was fixed at $750.

All new and old members of Men's Class and Amoma Class of First Baptist church invited to be present at a social in church parlors Thursday evening, 7:30.

WOULD FORM DRAMATIC CLUB

Maryville Talent, Both Amateur and Professional, Asked to Meet at Conservatory Friday Evening

If plans of those who are interested are carried out Maryville will soon have a dramatic club and plays and other forms of theatricals will be given. A meeting has been called for tomorrow night at 7:30 at recital hall at the Conservatory of Music to form such an organization, the meeting to be in charge of Marcus T. Neilsen. An invitation is open to those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to develop their talent along these lines.

Maryville boasts of an unusual amount of good amateur theatrical talent and such an organization would undoubtedly be a valuable asset.

FIRST REAL COLD WAVE HERE

Thermometer Dropped Almost to Zero Early This Morning — Coal Supply Appears to be Adequate

The first real winter weather came last night when the thermometer registered but a few degrees above zero at an early hour this morning. It had crept upward again by noon, but the weather forecast is for continued cold for two or three days. So far there has been a sufficient supply of coal to meet all normal requirements, but supplies in many cellars was getting low and purchase of supplies of fuel was put off by many until the last minute. Coal dealers are supplying all wants, and cellars already well filled are being added to. If the supply grows less it is expected that the government order providing no coal be sold to those who have as much as thirty days supply on hand will be enforced.

OFFER SERVICES TO BOARD

Public School Teachers Would Aid in Work Necessitated by Selective Draft—A Letter to the Sheriff

In order that the draft board may be able to meet the emergency in handling the increased amount of business resulting from the questionnaire, Superintendent J. M. McDonald of the public school has offered the services of the teachers in any capacity in which they may be used. The offer is contained in the following letter sent to Sheriff John F. Dowden this morning:

December 6, 1917.

Sheriff John F. Dowden,

Dear Sir: Provost Marshall General Crowder has requested of all American school teachers that they offer their services to the local and district boards who will be so busy during the next sixty days handling the new draft machinery.

At a general meeting of all the public school teachers in Maryville Wednesday afternoon they authorized me to offer to the local board their services in any capacity in which they might be of use. If there is anything that the Maryville public school teachers can do to help your board handle the great task which has been laid upon you, please command us.

Very truly yours,

J. M. McDONALD.

In the event no one to do the clerical work is found, the board may decide to accept the offer of the teachers through Superintendent McDonald.

Alva Lett of Pickering has accepted a position with the Bank of Pickering and began work there this week.

Miss Alma Corken of Burlington Junction and Mrs. Joe Battles of Denver ,Colo., were guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholas.

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Days to Christmas

Dec. 6

Faith Without Works Is Putting Off Christmas Shopping Until the Last Minute

NEW STATE AUTO LAW

LICENSE FEE WILL BE DOUBLED AFTER JANUARY 31

TWO TAGS ON EVERY CAR

Plates Must Be Displayed Front and Rear—None But Owners May Drive Without a License

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—All Missouri autoists will have to pay double the state auto license fee on and after January 31, 1918, according to the new state automobile law.

Owners must have license plates on both front and rear of machines and anyone bringing a car into a garage must register his name, license number, the time it is brought in and the engine number, according to a pamphlet of the St. Louis auto club, explaining the law.

Every garage must also be registered with the secretary of state. Only the owner of a car can drive without a driver's license, and none under 18 years old can, with or without a license. This does not permit members of an owner's family driving an auto.

The scale of state fees for licenses follows.

	New Rate	Old Rate
Less than 12-h.p.	$ 4.00	$ 2.00
12 and less than 24-h.p.	6.00	3.00
24 and less than 36-h.p.	10.00	5.00
36 and less than 48-h.p.	14.00	7.00
48 and less than 60-h.p.	16.00	8.00
60 and less than 72-h.p.	20.00	10.00
72 and more h. p.	24.00	12.00

ENJOYED "THE WISE BOOB"

W. B. Patton and a Clever Lot of Players Entertained a Big Audience at the Empire Theatre Last Night

Wm. Patton is not only a "wise boob',' but he is a most fortunate theatrical manager. His supporting company this year is the best he has ever had, and that is saying a good deal. His new vehicle contains a fairly reasonable plot, and the writer has provided plenty of fun with the slap-stick comedy left out. The big audience at the Empire theatre last night thoroughly enjoyed "The Wise Boob," and all his friends and associates, especially "Kate," the pretty young widow; it was awfully glad he fell in love with her. It would have been the only disappointment of the play if it had not turned out that way. While there were no programs to tell you who the folks in the play were, except that you knew Mr. Patton from old acquaintance, the others will be remembered for a long time, and Mr. Patton is doubtless glad to share honors with the cleverest lot of players he has ever brought to Maryville.

3 HELD ON LARCENY CHARGE

Perry Hartness and Ira and Elmer Dix Plead Not Guilty to Theft of Automobile — Bond of $1,000

Perry Hartness, Ira and Elmer Dix, charged with larceny, were brought before Judge Dawson in circuit court yesterday. They pleaded not guilty to a charge and bond was fixed at $1,000 for each. G. P. Wright and Ellis Cook are attorneys for the defendants.

Hartness and Dix brothers are charged with attempting to steal an automobile belonging to a resident of Burlington Junction, having taken the car out of the garage early in the morning and driving it away. They were caught near Braddyville, where they had an accident, and were placed under arrest by officers there. They were later brought to Maryville and placed in jail.

Basket Ball Game at Skidmore.

There will be a basket ball game at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Skidmore between the Skidmore and Newpoint high schools. The Newpoint band will also come to Skidmore.

Will Be at Home.

Rev. R. C. Holliday, who has been in Litchfield, Ill., on business, will be in Maryville and have charge of the morning and evening services at the South Methodist church on Sunday, December 9.

Sink Seventeen Vessels Last Week

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, Dec. 6.—Sixteen large vessels and one small one were sunk during the past week, the British admiralty announces.

HURRY RAIL ACTION

SWEEPING I. C. C. REPORT STIRS CONGRESS TO HASTE

NEWLANDS FAVORS LOAN

Commission in Report Does Not Recommend Which of Two Policies Government Should Adopt

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congressional action on the railroad problem is to come early next year with impromptu conferences to be held between administration chiefs and congressmen. To plan the work of the interstate commerce commission both houses will meet with President Wilson soon. Mr. Wilson is busy studying the situation and may draft a bill within a few days.

In the house, Representative Sabath of Illinois introduced a bill directing the president to take over the railroads and operate them. Several bills are ready for presentation extending loans into the hundreds of millions of dollars to the railroads to be spent for new equipment and rolling stock to meet the war emergency, the railroads to lease the equipment from the government. Senator Newlands, chairman of the special rate committee, which has been investigating the railroad situation, went to the White House to confer with President Wilson over the legislation he desires. Newlands favors the plan of giving loans to the railroads and permitting them to "pool" earnings, but operate under their own management rather than that of the government.

A Breakdown "Unthinkable."

Both the majority and minority reports of the interstate commerce commission emphasize that the railroad problem is beyond any mere question of increase in railroad rates, however necessary or unnecessary they may be. The majority report says: "We realize the gravity of a serious breakdown of our transportation facilities. It is unthinkable that this breakdown would be permitted if it could be prevented. In our opinion the situation does not permit of temporizing." The majority report does not recommend which of the two policies offered as a solution the government should adopt, but it implies rather pointedly against government operation.

PAROLED, MUST GO TO CHURCH

Young Girls in Escapade Returned to Their Homes—Boy Companions Given Fine and Jail Sentence

Ed Yount and Jess Klesing, two young men charged with unlawfully entering Green Valley school house northeast of Clyde a few nights ago, were arraigned before Judge John M. Dawson in circuit court yesterday afternoon. Both pleaded guilty and were given a fine of $500 and a jail sentence of six months in the county jail.

Bessie Terhoon and Lucy Marsh, two young girls who were with them in the escapade, were paroled and sent to their homes in Stanberry.

"There must be no going out at nights alone with young men," Judge Dawson told them, "and another condition is that you must both go to Sunday school and church regularly. I am going to insist on a report at certain intervals, and if you are not obedient to your parents your parole will be revoked, and that will mean you will have to serve out a sentence of six months in jail and a $500 fine. The lecture Judge Dawson gave the two girls was one of the most impressive ever heard in the circuit court room.

The quartet of young people went to the Green Valley school last Saturday night and forcibly entering the building conducted themselves in a most disgraceful manner, and left the school room in such a condition that it was not possible to hold school on Monday morning. It is thought that another party was with these people, but as yet he has not been found.

Performs Two Weddings.

Judge Jesse Robertson officiated at the wedding ceremony in his chambers this morning when H. E. Deakin and Miss Anna M. Schnitzen, both of Des Moines, Ia., were united in marriage. Frank Rice and Miss Ethel Crist were also wedded by Judge Robertson yesterday evening. The couple were from Fontanelle, Ia.

The Little Want Ads

There were 709 paid want ads in last month's Democrat-Forum — 28 for each business day. In November, 1916 the Democrat-Forum carried 447 want ads, an average of only 18 a day. Last month, thus, we carried 10 want ads more each business day than we did in November, 1916.

Democrat-Forum Want Ads must get the business, for the results can be traced back directly to the ads, and the advertisers know whether they pay. Thousands of people every day read this paper's four want ads classifications: For Sale, For Rent, Wanted, and Miscellaneous. Let them serve you at a small cost.

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GOOD STEERS, $1.75

BACK IN 1846 THEY BROUGHT AS MUCH AS $5.00

HOGS 25C AND $1 A HEAD

An Old Sale Bill Posted When Robidoux Was Laying Out the Town of St. Joseph is Interesting

Say, you stockmen who think $15 to $17 a cwt. only reasonable prices for hogs, and $10 to $12 just fair values for beef cattle, how'd you like to stock up with hogs at 25c to $1 a head and cattle at $1.75 to $5 each? Well, if you had lived back in 1846, when Joseph Robidoux began laying out the town of St. Joseph, you might have had that privilege, says the Stock Yards Journal. At least such prices are quoted in an ancient sale bill found on a file at the court house here, bearing date of 1846, which shows that a brass clock had more intrinsic worth at that time than a cow.

According to the list, which gave names and amounts, between 50 and 5 head of stock were included in the sale, which also included household goods and a few of the simple farm implements of the day, such as a "mattouch," a "how," and ax and and some augers.

The full list, with the quaint spelling of the sale clerk preserved, follows: 1 brass clock, $5; 1 fancy bedsted, $3; 1 slate, 6¼c; 6 chairs, $1.50; 1 pare stilldards, $1.12½; 1 rifle gun and apparatis, $4; 1 man's saddle, $2; 1 bell and collar, 25c; 1 third of cut saw, $1; 1 oven and lid, 25c; 1 grid iron, 12½c; 1 pot, 25c; 1 spaid, 37½c; 1 greenstone, 25c; 2 pare prichens, $2.50; 1 Sythe blade, 95c; 1 box and irons, 18¾c; 1 half inch auger, 12½c; 1 blind bridle, 37½c; 1 bell and collar, 25c; 1 dark red heifer, $3; 1 black cow, $5; 1 black heif calf, $3.10; 1 red steer, $4.50; 1 cow and calf, $9.45; 1 iron weg, 93¾c; 1 blind bridle, 50c; 1 red bull, $3; 1 yearling bull, $1.75; first sheep, first choice, $2.50; fore sheep, 2nd choice, $1.50; 1 horse, $38.70; 1 five quarter auger, 40c; 1 ax, 18¾c; 1 how, 62c; 1 mattouch, 75c; teen hogs, first choice, $10; 1 pare sheep shers, 75c; teen hogs, 2nd choice, $8; teen hogs, 3rd choice, $2.50; 1 lot hogs, last choice, $4; half of one wheet fan, $4.25; total $132.17.

The sale was held the year St. Joseph was laid out by Joseph Robidoux and the faded old document, written with a quill pen, allows an intimate glance at the living conditions of 71 years ago.

Certify Slackers for Service.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Denver, Dec. 6.—Sixty-two slackers have been arrested here, following a round-up of men who were unable to show draft registration cards. Many of them were certified immediately for service.

U.S. CITY IN FRANCE

GREAT AMERICAN TOWN RISING ON FOREIGN SOIL

WILL BE MAIN ARMY BASE

German Prisoners, Now in France, Probably Will be Employed in the Building — To Cost Millions

Washington, Dec. 6.—An American city is rearing itself on French soil. It will be populated entirely by Americans — a city of men. Everything about it will be American. It will be a little bit of New York or Kankakee or Whoozis transported across the Atlantic and set up on alien, though an allied soil.

It will be the main base of the American army and will cost millions. There will be housed the great depots, the central hospitals, the entire heart of the American organization.

Reports to the war department indicate that plans are well under way. This great city will be well removed from the front, in a locality already selected. It is all mapped out what is to be done. The location is a military secret; so are the plans. All that may be told is what will be there.

German prisoners now in France probably will be employed in the labor of building. American architects and engineers will direct the work.

The place will be as typically American as if it were in Illinois or New Hampshire. Out of it will run an American railway — American built, equipped and manned, direct to the American section of the front. It is understood it will be located in regard to harbor facilities so that American ships can come in to the docks, there to be unloaded by American stevedore gangs recruited from the wharves of United States seaports for that especial purpose. These men will wear the American uniform and will be enlisted for the duration of the war.

It might be a combined seaport-railroad - town - mining - camp - post-frontier - settlement, from all reports that are spread here.

It's company street probably will be named "Main Street" or "Broadway" and everything about it will be U. S. A., even if it is "over there."

Harry Lett of Hopkins and John Green of Pickering were among the out of town people in Maryville today.

A HUN OFFENSIVE

START A TERRIFIC DRIVE ON ITALIANS NEAR VERONA

BRITISH EXTEND GAINS

Bravery of America nEngineers Who Dug Ditches and Laid Rails Under Heavy Fire Noted in Report

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Rome, Dec. 6.—The Germans have begun the most terrific offensive in Italian fighting history in the Asiago Plateau and Verona.

London, Dec. 6.—The British extended their gains on the southern edge of the Cambrai salient during the night. No operations of importance were reported. The war office says a gain was made at Lavaquerie and the lines are extended. The British withdrey from the Noyelles-Bourlon sector on account of the artillery fire.

American Army, France, Dec. .— Official statement detailing conditionss under which American engineers fought at Cambrai pays tribute to the bravery of the men who dug trenches under heavy artillery fire. Some men were cut off by the Germans, but the casualties were small.

Paris, Dec. 6.—An Allied naval drive in the Adriatic sea is contemplated.

London, Dec. 6.—Between twenty and thirty airplanes raided London and the eastern coast this morning, dropping bombs in Kent and Essex. Only five reached the city proper. The casulties and damage believed to be slight.

WAIT FOR MEMBERS RETURN

Declaration of War on Austria Delayed Until Absent Congressmen Get Back

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Representa- noon today for a declaration of war noon today for a declaratio nof war on Austria- Hungary. It will be considered tomorrow. Action was delayed until noon tomorrow to allow absent members to get back and support it. The senate foreign relations committee informally considered the house resolution today and they may begin consideration simultaneously.

40 KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

Two Munitions Ships Collide at Halifax — Both Sunk With Crews — Town in Flames

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

New York, Dec. 6.—Heavy loss of life and property is believed to have followed the explosion at Rockingham, a suburb of Halifax, Novia Scotia, when two munitions ships collided, according to word from St. Johns and Truro, N S., received through Boston. One ship is believed to have been an American ship with munition cargo. The Western Union office was demolished at Halifax and several telegraphers are believed to be fatally injured. Much shipping was destroyed.

Truro, N. S., Dec. 6.—The northwestern portion of Halifax is afire, and thirty or forty are killed and many injured in the explosion. Both ships sank with their crews.

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* THE WEATHER *
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Fair tonight; Friday unsettled and somewhat warmer.

HAIR CUT 25 Cents

except Saturdays. Bath 15c at PROTZMAN'S SHOP Under Montgomery's shoe store.

Feature Tonight

Empire Theatre

5 and 11 cents

Paramount Pictures, with

PAULINE FREDERICK

Screen's Greatest Emotional Actress, in

Her Better Self

A Story of a Young Butterfly

Tomorrow—"Rasputin, the Black Monk."

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Missouri's Flag.

How many persons realize that this state has a flag? And how many persons who know that the state has a flag could describe it? The reason for that is because the state flag is a comparatively recent adjunct to our commonwealth.

The state flag was adopted by the legislature of 1913 as a result of the work of the Missouri Daughters of the Revolution, who have always been among the first to realize that the state and the nation should keep alive those memories and traditions which have centered around their development.

The flag consists of three horizontal bars of equal width of the national colors, red, white and blue. The state seal is in the center, surrounded by a band of blue containing twenty-four stars, Missouri having been the twenty-fourth state admitted to the Union.

The D. A. R. is now distributing in this state a neat pamphlet describing the Missouri flag and the laws of Missouri regarding the American flag. To the many persons who are ignorant of the fact that this state has a flag and that there were rules regarding the respect for the American flag, this little piece of literature is helpful, especially in these war times when so much is said about Old Glory and the men who are fighting for it.

THE END OF THE WAR.

Absolute knowledge have I none,
But my aunt's washerwoman's sister's son
Heard a policeman on the street
Say to a laborer on his beat,
That he had a letter just last week
Written in the choicest Greek,
From a Chinese coolie in Timbuctoo,
Who said all the niggers in Cuba knew
A colored man in a Texas town,
Who got it straight from a circus clown,
That a man in the Klondike heard the news
From a gang of South American Jews,
About somebody in Borneo
Who heard of a man who claimed to know
A swell society female rake,
Whose mother-in-law will undertake
To prove that her seventh husband's niece
Has stated in a printed piece
That she has a son who has a friend
Who knows when the war is going to end.

CANNED LUNCHEONS AID HOOVER CAMPAIGN

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 6. — Mrs. Alice M. French entertained ten aids in the food conservation card compaign at a Hooverized luncheon. She served no meat and no wheat products. Sugar and butter were cut down to a minimum. This was the luncheon:

Fruit cocktail, baked salmon, scalloped potatoes, green beans, corn bread, fried apples, beet salad and coffee. Dessert: preserved quinces and oatmeal cookies.

Although a society woman and wealthy, the canned goods served represented her own efforts.

Son for Former Maryville Pastor.

Cards have been received in Maryville announcing the birth of a son, Dwain Paul, born November 22, to Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Miller of Windsor, Colo. Mr. Miller is a former pastor of the First Christian church of Maryville.

GEE, IT'LL BE GREAT

MILITARY TOYS WILL PREVAIL—CHRISTMAS A NOISY DAY

BIG CHRISTMAS SEASON

Local Merchants Declare Santa Claus Will Come This Year With An Overflowing Pack of Gifts

Gee! won't it be great on Christmas day in hundreds of homes in Maryville? For it is going to be a noisy day, according to all advanced notices. Youngsters will march throughout the entire day, for this is marching time, with the boys in the trenches, and youngsters must do what older ones do. There will be plenty of fife and drum music. Then will come the roar of guns in the very faces of paper and pasteboard soldiers, just like "a real battle." For won't the kiddies have popguns and larger guns, too?

That is what C. F. Yehle, of the Alderman-Yehle store, says about Christmas for Maryville and in every town and city in the country. It is to be a noisy Christmas with the small boys and girls. Continuing, he said:

"Of all the toys that are usually purchased, none will play as important a part this year as the military toys. Even the little tots have forgotten their flaxen haired dolls and now demand Red Cross nurses, soldier boys and boy scouts. The little 11-year-old boy now insists on a 'big gun' and is no longer satisfied with the 'quiet' pastime of tooting a horn.

The middle aged, too, have given up "Why Molly Left Rome" and other light fiction. This year, according to local dealers, the most popular fiction will be books of travel and texts of the war. Even war map puzzles have been issued for the grown-ups. One store in the city has already laid in a supply of these disjointed puzzle maps and has met with great success in distributing them.

But the toys! Paramount among them is the armored train, completely encased in a hard, bullet-defying coat of steel. Then comes a steel tank, propelled by a spring motor. It will take the place of the gawdy little red car steered by a gilded man. The top tank comes in sections to be constructed by the owner, similar to the old building irons that have been marketed for the last few years.

Dreadnaughts, super and otherwise, promise to play an important part in the visit of Santa Claus this year, too. Submarines, destroyers, armored cruisers and armed merchantmen stand on the pinnacle of popularity this season, local merchants stated yesterday afternoon.

The star attraction among these ships is the "Exploding Battery Builder"—ordinary blocks made to build ships with. The proud possessor of a set of these builders blocks greets a ship. Then comes the sport! He takes a small sized bowling ball and smashes the ship to a thousand pieces. The ship is sunk. And then he builds it all over again.

Games probably will rank next with the kiddies. But even these have taken on a military nature. Card games—the newest—go under the name of "Millitic," "War," "Boy Scouts in Action," and "In the Tent." Doll games, with whole lines of soldiers armed and crouched for action, too, promise to be the children's heroes for this Christmas. Kilties, Cossacks, American soldiers, and Tommies, all decked in their war uniforms, are mounted on pasteboard boxes ready to be shot with fatal popguns, miniature cannon or machine gun.

Santa Claus will come this year and will come with an overflowing pack, too, local merchants declared. Their opinions are based on the unpredicted large number of visitors that already have passed through toyland with the shouting, startled, wild-eyed children. Purchases have already been heavy at two of the largest stores in the city.

A POTATO BREAD RECIPE.

The following recipe for potato bread is given by Mrs. Anna Belcher, of Maryville:

Scald ½ cup sugar with quart boiling water, cool with another quart cold water.

Stir into this 1 quart flour, then add starter.

Let stand until next morning, then stir well and take out starter.

Pare and cook 1 dozen large potatoes or more if needed drain off water and let it cool; mash and beat potatoes or put them through a ricer; add potato water to potatoes and stir until smooth and add to sponge salt, mix as any other bread not too stiff. Let raise; kneed down and let raise again; mould in medium size loaves, let raise and bake 1 hour and 20 minutes; put out on bread board to cool. Don't break the loaves apart until cold .

'TOWN DOES THINGS'

INDEPENDENCE EXAMINER EDITOR PRAISES MARYVILLE

FOUND MODERN METHODS

Learned That the Commercial Club Was a Factor in Putting the Town On the Map

F. W. Rucker, of the Independence Examiner, who was a delegate from Jackson county to the recent state Sunday school convention, found time while here to learn something about Maryville. A recent issue of the Examiner contains the following:

Whenever Maryville, Mo., decides to entertain a convention or to undertake anything for the betterment of the community, the whole city joins in making the venture a success. That is one of the fine impressions the Nodaway county seat made upon the forty-nine delegates from Jackson county to the state Sunday School convention last week.

Maryville is populated with a fine class of citizens who believe that a town is better off without saloons; who support prosperous churches and a splendid school system; who are industrious in business and conduct a number of business institutions that would do credit to a bustling city. All these fine ideals and impulses are assembled and made use of to the benefit of the whole community through one of the best small town commercial and fraternal organizations in Missouri—the Maryville Commercial Club.

When the Burlington conductor called "Maryville," the 300 Sunday school delegates aboard his train arose to put on their coats, buttoned up tight and took their grips, anticipating a walk of a mile from the station to the place of registration. But no sooner had they touched the station platform than they were ushered to fifty waiting automobiles, each labeled "Commercial Club," and were hurried to registration headquarters by busy business men, who considered it good business to leave their stores in charge of clerks and spend a few hours in helping Maryville play hostess.

But this wasn't the first good impression the delegates had formed concerning Maryville. A week before the convention each one had received copies of the Maryville newspapers containing eight extra pages of choice news about the town. These pages had been prepared under the direction of the Commercial Club, with the good sound journalistic sense of Fred Hull of the Tribune and James Todd of the Democrat-Forum assisting, and it was done solely for the wise purpose of making every visitor to Maryville feel "at home" even before he arrived, and an everlasting advertiser for the town after he departed. The "at home" spirit prevailed throughout the entire convention and it still sticks with the 1,500 Missourians who attended.

The Commercial Club of Maryville has its own building and pays its general secretary, E. M. Claypool, a salary of $1,800 a year. He gives his full time and thought to making Maryville the best town doing the best business in the best way in all northern Missouri.

When the call went out for the Red Cross, Mr. Claypool, the Commercial Club secretary, handled the campaign and put Nodaway county on the map. When the call was sounded for the army Y. M. C. A., it was Claypool again who organized the districts throughout the county and pulled in more than the quota.

"When a few of us ventured to suggest the securing of a paid secretary for our Commercial Club four years ago," said a Maryville business man, "the others said, 'what can he find to keep him busy all the time?' Now they are saying, 'Well, how can he find the time to do all the things he's planned to do and which we want him to do?'"

Mr. Claypool is the third paid secretary of the Maryville club. Both men preceding him have gone to higher positions, and the city expects to see Claypool at the head of a large city club some day. The business men take pride in telling of the records of their commercial club secretaries and in relating the success of their fellow merchants, even of competitors. That is the spirit of this Commercial Club.

Modern methods of store service have been adopted in Maryville, modern store fronts have replaced the old ones, some fine new business houses have been built, a State Normal school has been located there, large district and state conventions have assembled there, the town people are loyal to their town merchants, all through the influence of the Commercial Club.

Maryville has the hospitality and neighborliness of a country town, but it is doing things in a city style and with a city push.

PENNIES MEAN GOOD TIMES

The Little Copper Piece is a Good Barometer of Business — Eighty Millions Are Made Every Year

What becomes of all the pins? That is an old, old question which has never been answered satisfactorily. We can imagine, however, how easily a pin, being small and smooth and of no value can slip away and be lost. But who can tell what becomes of all the pennies?

Every year about 80,000,000 pennies are manufactured and put into circulation, and though many come back to the Treasury for redemption, yet the majority of them are never seen again. They are not particularly smooth or slippery and their slight value should gain them more care than an ordinary pin, but in spite of this they disappear and are lost. This in part can be explained by the fact that they change hands oftener than other coins and hence are subject to more accidents, and being of small value they are carelessly treated.

The cent is a barometer of business, and it is an interesting fact that during periods of commercial depression pennies accumulate in the sub-Treasury. Even a big storm or spell of very cold weather will make a noticeable difference in the demand for them, as the penny-spending public is detained at home. It is a sign of prosperous times when pennies are in free circulation.

MINISTERS OBJECT TO KNITTING IN CHURCH

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 6. — Knitting socks for soldiers may be a splendid example of patriotism, but is entirely out of place when mixed with religion.

This is the universal opinion of Springfield and other Illinois pastors, when the suggestion of Rev. McElveen, pastor of the First Congregational church of Evanston, Ill., that the fair sex bring their knitting with them to church on Sunday was made. It brought a flood of protests in Peoria as well as here. The ministers declared to do so would take the mind from the devotional services, lessening the interest in religion and causing an irreparable injury to true patriotism as defined by the church.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE CORN IS THE LATEST

Clarksburg, W. Va., Dec. 6.—Lewis county has produced patriotic corn. An ear grown on the farm of Robert Ingram has red, white an dblue grains. The grains are perfect, and many of each color are distributed over the ear, while some of the grains have all three colors.

For Quality, Quantity and Prices

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This is Our List for

FRIDAY

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12 lbs fine granulated sugar for $1.00

No. 1 size cans peaches, white grapes or apricots, fine goods in good syrup, per can 13c

Pure lard in pails, No. 3 90c; No. 5 $1.45; No. 10 $2.90.

Pure lard in bulk, per lb 28c

No. 2 cans milk hominy, 2 for 25c

8 lbs pails new lake fish for 90c

Pound boxes Imperial cod fish 22c

1-lb. cans pure Apple Butter 10c

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* It won't pay to hoard up food *
* stuff. Many prices show de- *
* clines of late. We believe it's *
* best to buy as you need the goods *
* —certainly not over thirty days' *
* supply. *
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3 lbs fresh flaked hominy 25c

2 lbs straight Rio Coffee, bulk 25c

16 oz cans Rumford's or Calumet baking powder 21c

Medium sized grape fruit, 2 for 15c

3 cans soaked peas 25c

10 lbs dry onions 25c

1 lb cans Mity Good, Royal Crown or Oriental Coffee 23c

Quart cans Golden pumpkin 10c

Missouri honey, large frames 20c

Creme Oil toilet soap, best quality olive oil soap, 3 cakes 25c

Peet Bros. Imperial Peroxide soap, 3 cakes for 25c

60 lbs best irish potatoes $1.40

20c per lb best Golden Santos coffee.

10 lb sacks fresh graund graham 57c

10 lb sack whole wheat flour 55c

Self-rising pan cake flour, per pkg 10c

Self-rising buck wheat flour, 2 pkgs 25c

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* DECEMBER FLOUR SALES! *
* (Will fill orders for reasonable *
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* Patent Flour ..... $1.30 *
* 48 lb sacks Maney's Hard Wheat *
* Patent Flour ..... $2.60 *
* 24 lb sacks Maney's Best High *
* Patent Flour ..... $1.35 *
* 48 lb sacks Maney's Best High *
* Patent Flour ..... $2.65 *
* We put a money-back guaran- *
* tee on the qality of all brands *
* of flour we sell. *
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10-lb. sack Corn Meal 45c

Qt. size cans Calif. asparagus cuts 20c

No. 1 cans asparagus spears 15c

No. 2 cans Van Camp's spaghetti 15c

No. 1 cans Delgado's Texas Chili, 3 for 25c

3 pkgs macaroni or spaghetti 25c

Atlas white rolled oats, pkg 10c

3 Crown loose raisins, per lb 10c

iLbby's finest mince meat, 2 lbs 35c

Large dill pickles (new) 3 for 5c

6 oz. tumblers jelly, 3 for 25c

Glendale Butterine, our very best grade, 2 lbs 65c

Pure pea nut butter, lb 25c

Half-pound currents 15c

White Ribbon Compound, per lb 23c

2 lbs Navy beans 25c

3-lb. can Crisco for 80c

5 lbs fine granulated sugar and 10 lbs white corn meal for 85c

Jno. Morrell's Iowa Pride Breakfast Bacon, whole pieces, per lb 44c
This is the bacon you are paying 50 to 60c for.

1 lb boxes sliced and trimmed Iowa Pride Bacon for 50c

Full size, well cured hams, our best grade, 12 to 20 lbs each, per lb 28c

Sugar cured shoulders, well trimmed, weigh 8 to 12 lbs, per lb 24c

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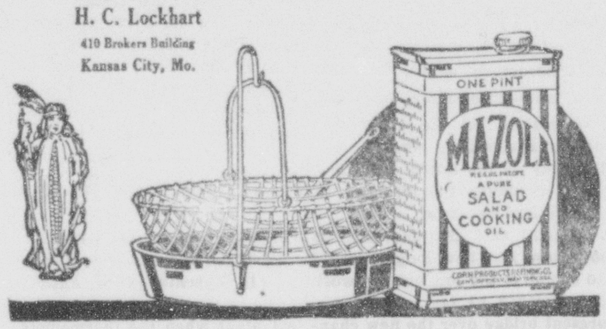

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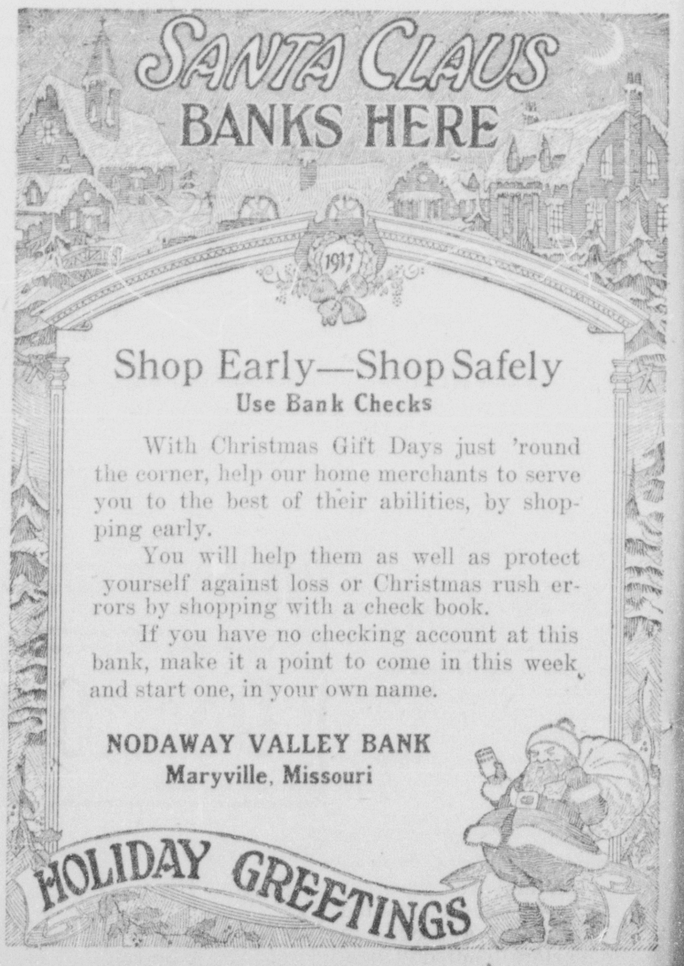
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NODAWAY VALLEY BANK
Maryville, Missouri
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Will Your Bank Lend Money To a Farmer?

This bank was a fifth wheel in the town. It had to have new business. The president found it—the farmers!

A Bank With A Heart

and a good idea has won deposits of $3,500,000 by encouraging the farmers. George Kibbe Turner tells about it in this week's issue.

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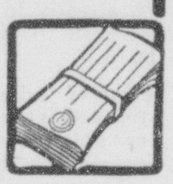

Watch How The Income Tax Affects YOU

The $60-a-week man or woman has an income of $3,120 and, if unmarried, must pay the government a 2 per cent tax on $2,120, or $42.40. He or she is exempt up to $1,000. The married man or woman, with an exemption of $2,000, must pay a 2 per cent tax on $1,120, or $22.40.

If a man makes $40 a week and his wife $20, each may put in a $1,000 exemption claim, but the tax will be the same as if the husband were earning the entire $60.

If you fall in the $60 class, some time between now and March 1, next, you must pay a visit to the collector of internal revenue. There you will be given a blank on which to file your return and also your exemptions.

In addition to the exemptions cited, you may exempt any interest paid during the year 1917 on personal indebtedness. This means that if a man owns property on which he carries a mortgage, he may deduct the amount paid in interest, for taxes and for water rents. Also, that if he has borrowed from a bank he may claim exemption for interest paid on the loan.

If he owns rented property he may figure in repairs, and if he has contributed to certain charities he may exempt such an amount up to 15 per cent of his income.

Further, the married man is allowed $200 exemption for each child. If he has six, there will b eno federal income tax for him. The government cannot be said to encourage race suicide.

Be sure to state your gross income correctly. You may have a $50 salary and a $10 side line. Federal agents are paid to know these things and you may be fairly certain that any misstatement will be speedily discovered when the collector checks up your return.

FT. SILL MEN LEARN GAS USE

Gas Masks Must Be Donned in Six Seconds After Alarm is Sounded —Special Room for Training

Camp Doniphan, Okla., Dec 6. — All the officers who have been taking the bombing course here have been graduated and now will take up the use of training with masks in a gas attack.

The men who have been taking the gas mask course are required to don the mask in six seconds after the sounding of the gas attack. It is not unusual to see a soldier very white of face and shaky of knee on emerging from the gas room.

A room has been fitted up and filled with gas to show the men that gas is harmless when the mask is worn.

An order has just been issued giving the men an hour each afternoon to indulge in any form of amusement they may desire.

The Useful Peanut.

The peanut is a sturdy friend in time of need. Now, when the Food Administration is asking that fats be saved, the peanut comes to the rescue in more than one combination. There is peanut butter, for instance. It should be more widely used. The only reason it isn't is because people do not know how best to use it. Even peanut butter sandwiches are seldom well made.

The "butter" for them should never be spread as it comes from the jar. Put it in a cup or bowl and combine it with twice as much thin cream, milk or water. Stir until thoroughly creamy and of the consistency of mayonnaise, then vary the flavor by adding a little shaved cheese, chopped pickles or olives, hot catsup, orange marmalade, chopped dates and lemon juice, salad dressing or onion juice, with a little bit of salt as required.

Besides its use in sandwiches, however, there are countless other delicious ways of using peanut butter, as in soups, breads and cakes. It serves both as shortening and thickening and adds richness, color and flavor. No food, of course, can be judged by its fuel value alone, but it is interesting to note that from the point of fuel value peanut butter is worth three times its weight in round steak, four times its weight in eggs, seven times its weight in potatoes and twice its weight in bread.

YOUNG WOMEN FORM AN "OVERALLS" CLUB

Henryetta, Okla., Dec. 6.—The "Overalls Club" has made its appearance among the elite of this city with a membership of twenty young ladies. The young women of the newly formed organization have announced that they are ready and willing to take the places of the young men called to the colors.

The girls plan to take the places of clerks or others whose duties are of a light nature, although they express their determination to accept any good position offered them in place of a man called to the army.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

DENVER MAN DISCOVERS SUBSTITUTE FOR COTTON

Denver, Colo., Dec. 6. — A wild flower, grown in practically all sections of the country, will be the means of supplying munitions manufacturers with sufficient "guncotton" to keep Uncle Sam and his allies well equipped with fighting materials, according to Charles Goard, a Denver inventor, and Beau Brummels need have no fear of a shortage in raw material for the making of men's clothing.

Goard says he has discovered that the wild flower known to youths all over the land as "cat-tails," has a bulb containing nearly a pint of silk-like floss that can be substituted for guncotton in the manufacture of ammunition, thus allowing the entire cotton crop to be used in the manufacture of clothing.

Pickering Circuit M. E. Church.

The first quarterly meeting of the Conference Year will be held at Pickering, December 15-16. Quarterly Conference, Saturday, December 15, at 2 p. m. Dr. W. F. Burris will preach at 7:30 p. m., and again Sunday at 11 a. m. The pastor will preach a special sermon for the children at Myrtle Tree next Sabbath at 11 a. m. He will have a number of interesting objects with which to illustrate it and hopes to see a large number of children at the service. The evening service next Sabbath will be at Pickering. We cordially invite you to work with us.

C. S. DAYHOFF, Pastor.

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SOME FAMOUS NAMES NEED FOR POULTRY

NAMESAKES OF ILLUSTROUS MEN AT CAMP FUNSTON

PATRICK HENRY THERE

As Well as Marc Anthony, Wm. Sherman, Geo. Washington, John Pershing and William Kaiser

Camp Funston, Dec. 6. — Nearly everybody from Marc Anthony to Pershing has a namesake at Camp Funston, according to the files of the statistical bureau here.

If the old-time theory of "ghostly aids" in winning battles holds good, the 89th Division men will pile up many victories against the Huns.

Perhaps old Marc Anthony, who directed several successful campaigns against the Huns near the beginning of the Christian era, will lend his namesake, Marc Anthony, a private from St. Louis, some of his knowledge of military tactics. John Pershing is a cook in the Motor battalino.

Mark Hanna, a captain in the 356th Infantry, will command the company in which Robert E. Lee and Anthonyy Plate will fight. Patrick Henry is here, too. He is a private from Lyons, Kas., and believes in "give-me-liberty-or-give-me-death."

There are four John Paul Jones in camp, one being a lieutenant from Kansas City. There are fourteen namesakes of Captain John Smith.

In the 92nd division, where the negro troops are, can be found three George Washingtons, William Sherman, a namesake of the general who defined war so well, Robert Burns, three Nathan Hales, and two Thomas Jeffersons.

There are two William Kaisers, but just to prove there's nothing in a name, they are working eight hours a day to lick their namesake and they disavow any knowledge of German kultur.

HOW TO CUT YOUR FUEL BILL

The Observance of Certain Rules for Heating Will Effect a Saving of Coal

Investigations have shown that with coal costing approximately $5 a ton, the expense of heating an eight-room house in the climate of the Mississippi Valley approximates $80 a year, according to E. J. McCaustland, of the University of Missouri. This is a sufficiently large sum to make it worth while to consider means of getting the maximum heat efficiency from fuel.

Fuel can be saved by preventing too free air circulation in the house, says Dean McCaustland, but this should not be carried to the point of interfering with proper ventilation. Heat losses from rooms increase directly with the extent of window surface. If ordinary shades are drawn over the windows, they will prevent, to some extent, the losses of heat due to radiation.

Stoves are notoriously inefficient for heating purposes and with them, as with the open fire, much heat is lost up the chimney. Proper manipulation of check drafts will help to reduce such losses.

Where a single furnace or boiler is provided to heat the entire house a number of points may be noted for increasing the duty of the fuel:

For soft coals, choose a boiler of a rated capacity at least twice as great as estimated need.

Cover heater and pipes in basement to prevent undue radiation of heat. In case of hot air furnaces make provision for free circulation of air.

Maintain constant condition so far as possible.

Use coal of uniform size and do not break in small pieces.

Take care not to lose coal through the grate.

Force all cold air to enter the fire through the grate.

Keep a clear fire, not piled too high, and with no "dead spots."

Avoid too great an accumulation of ashes on the grate.

Clean the flues or heating surfaces frequently with a light wire brush. A slight accumulation of soot or scale will cut down the heat transmission from 20 to 60 per cent.

Hot air furnaces should have the cold air inlet properly regulated during winter weather.

Do not allow obstruction of heat passages from furnace to chimney.

All types of furnaces should have the chimney draft controlled to the point of perfect combustion of fuel.

For hot water or steam heating, radiators should be placed under the windows.

For hot air heating, registers are best located near interior walls.

Mrs. John Anderson of Chugwater, Wyo., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. S. T. Gile, 309 East Edwards street.

CHICKEN RAISERS ASKED TO ATTEND RALLY HERE DEC. 11

BIDDY TO HELP WIN WAR

Agent of U. S. Department of Agriculture Will Be Here to Help Organize Raisers in the County

A poultry rally will be held in Maryville December 11, at two o'clock, for the purpose of interesting poultry raisers in the greater production of fowls. The meeting will be in charge of a representative of the United State Department of Agriculture and the University of Missouri College of Agriculture.

Along with the campaign for food conservation must go a movement to stimulate greater production. Already a good deal of effort has been expended in increasing the crops of some of the more necessary food products. The latest drive is that undertaken by the poultry interests to double the poultry products of the country during the coming season. The United States government is back of this movement and has sent two men to co-operate with the poultry keepers of Missouri.

The first move in this campaign is a general rally to be held in each county to organize the poultry interests and present the emergency plans to farmers and poultrymen. The poultry industry suffered a severe depression during the past season on account of the scarcity and high price of feed and must have all possible encouragement to meet the present war time demands. In many counties the supply of good breeding stock is low, and one of the plans to be considered at the county meeting is some method of securing the distribution throughout the county of eggs suitable for hatching. Another problem is to prevent the enormous losses on market eggs, and ways and means of preventing this will be considered.

The purpose of these county meetings is to organize the local poultry interests to carry on a sympathetic campaign for more and better poultry. Every farmer and farmer's wife and every other person interested in boosting the poultry industry should attend this rally and hear the suggestions offered by the poultry specialists.

SUPPLYING 3,617 HOSPITALS

And the Red Cross Finds That 100 New Hospitals Are Added Every Month Since the War Began.

When the American Distributing Service became the Medical Supplies Service of the Red Cross there were 3,190 hospitals on its lists, situated all over France, but most numerous in the departments back of the front. A hundred new hospitals are added every month, and at the present time there are 3,617 in 1,356 towns. The work in hospital supplies heretofore done by the American Clearing House and the American Fund for French Wounded will be carried forward through this single service.

Under the Red Cross the funds available have been more than doubled. Heretofore a hospital was given perhaps half the supplies it asked for; now it is given perhaps three-fourths, the French to supply the remainder. Moreover the service can give more expensive equipment, such as radio-graphic installations, sterilizing outfits, and the special instruments needed by surgeons at the central hospitals, much more delicate and costly than those called for by the field service. Two-thirds of the appropriation is consumed in routine supplies secured through the Red Cross purchasing section and one-third direct in purchasing special instruments and the like. Everything which can be bought in France is bought there, either through commercial channels or from French workrooms employing refugees or crippled soldiers. A three-story garage is used as the main packing and distributing center, and the physical work is done, not by volunteers, but by convalescents who live and sleep at the Paris hospitals and are paid for the work they do here in the day time, so that in this way two good ends are served.

DUTCH TRY WOOD AS SHOE SOLE SUBSTITUTE

Washington, Dec. 6. — The commander-in-chief of the Dutch army has notified the corps commanders that an experiment is to be made with wooden soles for shoes in consequence of the increasing advance in the price of leather, according to information received here.

For the experiment 5,000 pairs of shoes will be made; 2,000 are now ready. The wooden soles will be on new shoes, each pair having an extra set to replace worn out soles.

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FRED P. ROBINSON IN STATEMENT FOR RED CROSS

Editor Democrat-Forum:

It has been repeatedly rumored that the army and navy was not in need of the assistance of the women of the Red Cross, and that the labor in knitting and making garments and surgical dressings was simply the result of hysteria.

This idea has been spread over the country by German agents, very cleverly, and I am informed that the St. Joseph Gazette, in an issue a few days ago, published an editorial supporting this misleading idea.

This is all absolutely false, as the need for the work is very urgent.

And I hope you will publish the following statements, which I copy out of the bulletin which is furnished me from Red Cross headquarters under date of December 1, 1917.

F. P. ROBINSON.

Articles Are Not Sold.

There is no truth in the story that sweaters, socks and other articles made for the Red Cross are being sold either in shop or direct to the soldiers.

If any Red Cross chapter or individual were proven guilty of this the chapter would lose its charter and the individual would be prosecuted. Just so any person, other than those acquiring the right prior to January, 1905, who uses the name or emblem of the Red Cross to assist in the sale of merchandise should be reported to the United States District Attorney for prosecution.

Knitted Articles Are Used in Cantonments.

The visit of the division directors of the Southwestern Division of Texas effectually dispelled all rumorrs to the effect that knitted articles are not being used in cantonments. Thousands of Red Cross sweaters, socks, helmets, wristlets, etc., have been distributed throughout Texas. Red Cross sweaters are in evidence everywhere in the camps surrounding Ft. Worth and Dallas. Commanding officers at Camp Talliaferro and Camp Bowie express their appreciation of Red Cross assistance in the warmest terms.

Sec. Baker Endorses Work of Knitters

The secretary of war on November 17th made the following statement. "An apparent misunderstanding has arisen in some quarters regarding the attitude of the war department towards the knitting of sweaters and comforts for our soldiers. The department has in no sense discouraged the furnishing of such garments through the American Red Cross and is appreciative of the spirit which prompts American women in their knitting for the troops. It is true that a sweater is not included in the regular equipment of the army and it is not regarded as an essential garment. However, a knitted sweater is a garment of great serviceability and constitutes a welcome addition to a soldier's equipment, particularly when the soldier is on duty in the rigorous winter climate of France.

"While the department itself has not officially called upon any organization to supply sweaters, certain divisions of the army have made requisitions and have been gratified that the supply was available. The work of American women who desire to add this comfortable article of clothing supplied the soldier by the war department is worthy of encouragement."

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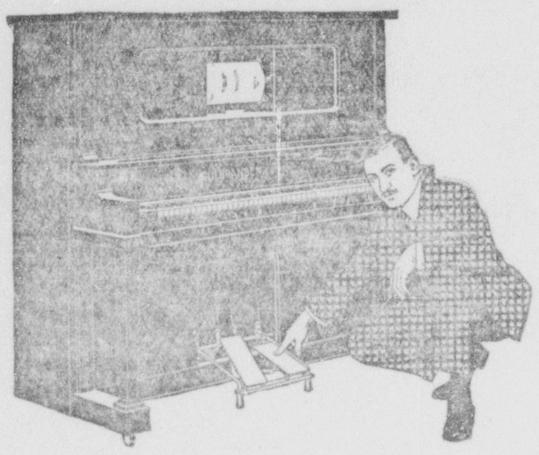

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Mose Nusbaum

ARE PROPRIETARY MEDICINES FRAUDULENT?

Undoubtedly there may be some that are, but on the other hand, there are many proprietary remedies that are as standard as any prescription that any present day physician can write, and in thousands of homes you will find these old, reliable remedies in every-day use with satisfactory results. Such a medicine is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which, for nearly 40 years, has been alleviating the suffering of womankind, and overcoming some of the most serious ailments of her sex. If you are suffering from any of the ailments of women, just give this medicine a trial and prove its worth for yourself.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Following is a list of the letters remaining unclaimed in the Maryville Mo., postoffice for the week ending Wednesday, December 5th, 1917.

Men.

Alexander, William
Anderson, W. H.
Bartley, Alva
Beattie, J. F.
Cooper, C. H.
Leftwitch, Walter
McKee, Leland
Osborne, Claude
Robison, S. A.
Snodgrass, W.
Stanley, Arthur
Vieth, Paul

Women.

Allen, Mrs. A. A.
Bright, Lillie
Brunner, Mary
Cooke, Mrs. E. J.
Laswell, Ida
Mayham, Miss Fay
Tarvin, Mrs. Earl D.
Wilson, Miss Ethel

Persons calling for the above named letters will please say "advertised." Respectfully,

JAMES TODD, Postmaster.

Fire Destroys Tire Plant.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

New Castle, Del., Dec. 6.—Fire of undetermined origin practically destroyed the plant of the Wilmington Fibre Special Tires company this morning. The loss is estimated at $300,000.

Four Killed in Rear-end Collision.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 6.—Four men, including the engineer of the Erie passenger train, were killed when the passenger train smashed into a freight at Susquehana this morning.

James Etherton of Braymer, Mo., arrived last night to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morin Forbes.

Mrs. Robert Barrett of Skidmore arrived in Maryville last night to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Barrett.

John Graham left Tuesday for Rochester, Minn., where he will take treatment at the Mayo Brothers' hospital.

Special Bargains

In Our Great December Sales for

Friday and Saturday Selling

CLOAKS

Buy cloaks of us, where you get the biggest selection and at the lowest prices.

One small lot of ladies' and misses' cloaks carried over from last sason, each only..$5.00

All ladies' and misses' cloaks in the house will be sold now at 20 per cent off, which will make—

$65.00 Coats now only.....$52.00
$57.50 Coats now only.....$46.00
$49.75 Coats now only.....$39.80
$45.00 Coats now only.....$36.00
$39.75 Coats now only.....$31.80
$35.00 Coats now only.....$28.00
$29.75 Coats now only.....$23.80
$25.00 Coats now only.....$20.00
$19.75 Coats now only.....$15.80
$17.50 Coats now only.....$14.50
$15.00 Coats now only.....$12.00

LADIES' SUITS

Your choice of any ladies' suit at exactly one-half former price—

$60.00 Ladies' Suits now only.....$30.00
$55.00 Ladies' Suits now only.....$27.50
$49.75 Ladies' Suits now only.....$24.88
$47.50 Ladies' Suits now only.....$23.75
$45.00 Ladies' Suits now only.....$22.50
$40.00 Ladies' Suits now only.....$20.00
$35.00 Ladies' Suits now only.....$17.50
$29.75 Ladies' Suits now only.....$14.88
$25.00 Ladies' Suits now only.....$12.50

CHILDREN'S COATS

All children's cloaks sold at greatly reduced prices.

One lot of children's coats, worth up to $7.50, now only.....$3.98

One lot of children's coats, worth up to $10.00, now only.....$6.98

All other children's coats will be sold at a discount of **20 per cent.**

SWEATERS

Buy one of these good warm sweaters now at a reduction. All sweaters will be priced during this sale at **10 per cent off.**

UNDERWEAR

Buy your winter underwear now while you can get what you want. The wholesale price today is higher than the price we are selling any garment in our stock. Then in addition to these already low prices, we are offering you these extra bargains for this Great December Sale.

One lot of ladies' Doufold union suits, worth from $2.00 to $3.00 per suit, which we are not able to get any more this season and are anxious to close out, so we have made the price, per suit only.....$1.75

One lot of ladies' cotton union suits, high neck, long sleeves, or low neck and short sleeves, per suit only.....69c

Ladies' extra heavy fleeced union suits, all sizes from 34 to 44, good warm garments, per siut, each only.....$1.25

The manufacturer's price on these garments now is $2.00 per suit, but we were very fortunate and bought these garments over a year ago, and we are now giving you the advantage of it.

Children's good warm union suits, all sizes, large stock at, per suit....75c, 85c and 95c

SILKS

Here are some real bargains in silks which you should not overlook.

$2.50 taffeta silk in black and colors, now only, per yard.....$1.85

$1.75 taffeta silk in black and colors, now only, per yard.....$1.49

$1.50 taffeta silk in black and colors, now only, per yard.....$1.29

40 inch Crepe de Chine, all colors, best quality, per yard now only.....$1.39

40 inch $2.00 Georgette Crepe, now per yd $1.70

36 inch fancy silk, regular $2.00, $2.25 and $2.50 quality in stripes, plaid and flowered designs will be, per yard only.....$1.60

WOOL CLOAKINGS

One lot of heavy wool cloakings carried over from last season, if bought now would be worth twice the price we have them marked. In order to close these out during our Great December Sale ,we will sell these at **one-fourth off the marked price.**

Haines

The Store That Is Anxious to Please You.

Would Stop Bank Robbery.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Aroused by the frequency of bank robberies, bankers here today pleased the vigilance committee of the police board by rounding up thirty men, following the robbery of the Stockmen's bank yesterday.

Find Powerful Wireless Plant.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

New York, Dec. 6.—Five men and a woman were arrested this morning by secret service men following the discovery of a wireless station powerful enough to communicate with Germany. The identity of the persons is being kept secret.

Wilson's Message Supports Claim

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, Dec. 6.—Lord Lansdowne claims that President Wilson's congressional speech supports his claim made in a recent letter to the British ministry. The newspapers also support the theory.

Mrs. W. A. Miller, who underwent an operation Monday morning at the St. Francis hospital for appendicitis, is rapidly improving.

Walter Fraser to Leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fraser left yesterday afternoon for Bolckow to visit today with Mrs. Fraser's father, L. W. Craig. Mr. Fraser will leave this evening for Austin, Texas, where he will take an officer's training in the university there.

Entertaining Newlyweds.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Edwin Wells are entertaining Mr. Wells' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wells, who were recently married. Mrs. Wells was formerly Miss Minnie Muir Huckett of Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Wells will make their home in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Margaret Graham Gets $1,000.

A jury in the probate court yesterday afternoon returned a verdict in favor of Margaret Graham, who sought to recover approximately $2,000 from the estate of J. U. Johnson, for services rendered. The verdict gave the plaintiff $1,000.

James Hale of Barnard was in Maryville on business today.

ORIGIN OF "I'M FROM MISSOURI"

Loose Marriage Laws of Early Days Responsible for Well Known Phrase

There have been many explanations made as to the origin of this expression. One of the latest explanations was made by a Kansas City man. He explained that the marriage laws of Missouri in the early days were so loose that anyone could get married without answering many questions. In 1881 a law was passed making it a misdemeanor for a minister or a justice to marry persons not having a state license and setting the age of marriageable women at 18 years. If the applicant for the license did not know the age of the bride elect he had to produce her to the license clerk and let him judge her age. When the applicant went after the girl, she asked the reason, of course, why she had to go along to get the license. When told that the law required her exhibition, she remarked: "Oh, you've got to show me, have you?" This occurred many times during the first year or so of the law's effectiveness and became a by-word. This expression has also been accredited to Judge Thomas J. C. Flagg of Louisiana, Mo., and Willard Vandiver, formerly a representative in congress.

"Her Better Self."

Pauline Frederick, one of the screen's greatest emotional actresses, has temporarily forsaken her "heavy" roles to appear in her latest Famous Players - Paramount Picture, "Her Better Self," as a young society butterfly in love with a very serious young doctor. In this picture at the Empire theatre tonight Miss Frederick has drawn a character sketch of the very heart and life of this young girl that will live as one of her most remarkable pieces of work. The story deals with the way Vivian Tyler, pampered daughter of wealthy parents, successfully bridges the vast gulf of poverty which yawns between her and the man she loves, who is a charity doctor. Miss Frederick has given an exceptionally fine interpretation of this difficult role and is most ably supported by a splendid cast.

Remus

Mercantile Company

Corner Third and Buchanan Streets

Silks

are Priced low

NO more popular fabric for dresses and waists this year than silks. They are dressy, satisfactory and moderate in cost

There is no better silk stock in this section of the country than is shown in this store. And the plan of buying for cash and selling for cash enables us to make prices that are exceptionally attractive.

For Friday and Saturday

Selling we offer some special inducements which should bring YOU to the store.

ONE LOT OF TAFFETAS — 36 inches wide, plain colors, worth up to $1.75 a yard, special for these two days, a yard..... **$1.29**

ONE LOT OF MESSALINE — 36 inches wide, plain colors—special for Friday and Saturday, a yard..... **$1.29**

BLAC KDUCHESS SATIN — 36 inches wide, a fortunate purchase enables us to offer this xceptionally attractive quality at, yard..... **$1.29**

PRINTED SATIN — Especially good for kimonos or linings, 36 inches wide, for Friday and Saturday selling, at a yard..... **$1.39**

RECEPTION SATIN—36 inches wide, all colors, a bargain at $1.75 a vard—for these two days, at a yard..... **$1.39**

ONE LOT OF FANCY SILKS—In stripes and plaids, 36 inches wide, regularly priced at $1.65 and $1.75 a yard—for these two days, a yard..... **$1.25**

ONE LOT OF FANCY SILKS—In stripes and plaids, 36 inches wide, worth regularly $2.00 and $2.25 a yard—special for these two day at, a yard..... **$1.55**

WON CONTESTED DIVORCE

David Hopple of Hopkins Awarded Verdict by Judge Dawson in Circuit Court This Afternoon

David M. Hopple was given a decree of divorce by Judge John M. Dawson in circuit court this afternoon from Jennie R. Hopple, after testimony that occupied mos of the day was heard. The suit was contested by the wife, but Judge Dawson declared that he could find nothing from the evidence that would prove that Hopple had not done his whole duty as a husband. Judge Dawson said it was unfortunate that they should find themselves unable to live together as the husband stated on the witness stand that he was willing and anxious to have his wife return to his home so that he could look after her and see that she was properly attended in her sickness.

Judge Dawson gave the care of the older son to the father and James Hopple, fifteen years old, was given to the care of the mother, the father agreeing to provide support. The Hopples live near Hopkins.

TWO DOCTORS FOR SERVICE

Dr. W. M. Wallis, Jr., and Dr. L. E. Dean Pass Examinations for Medical Reserve Corps

Nodaway county will soon have filled her quota of physicians for the Medical Reserve Corps. Dr. W. M. Wallis Jr., has been accepted for service, following examination, as has also Dr. L. E. Dean. Dr. F. R. Anthony went to Omaha and took the examination, but was rejected, as was also Dr. H .S. Rowlett. The latter however will go again for examination, as eye trouble found on first examination will perhaps not be found a bar to service.

J. B. Horton and Marion Weier of Ravenwood were among the out of town visitors in Maryville today.

Society and Clubland

By MISS LUTA MOODY.

Nanamo, 42. Farmers, 114

Will Elect Officers Friday.

The Rebekah lodge of Wilcox will meet Friday night, December 7, and hold their election of officers.

Will Meet Saturday.

The Young Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Methodist church will meet Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. H. Belting.

Bazaar at Arkoe.

The Methodist church at Arkoe will hold a bazaar Saturday, December 15. Refreshments will be served, and the proceeds will go to the church.

Will Entertain Tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wolfers will entertain at 12 o'clock dinner tomorrow at their home in Pickering. Their guests will be Mrs. E. C. Wolfers, Miss Mildred Wolfers and Mrs. Maurice Wolfers of Hopkins.

Mr. Pierce Will Entertain.

W. C. Pierce will entertain with a 7 o'clock dinner Monday evening at the Farmers Trust building in honor of Murray Welling, Captain Forrest Hanna, Lieutenant George Toel and Lieutenant Winfred Hawkins.

Entertained at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening, December 4. Covers were laid for: Miss Lora Buzzard of Oxford, Kan., oe Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Adams and the host and hostess.

Will Elect Officers.

The Woodmen Circle will hold their regular meeting at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening at the W. O. W. hall. The annual election of officers will be held. All members are requested to be present.

Packing Box for Minister and Family.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist church are packing a box of clothing for a minister, his wife and five children in North Carolina. Anyone wishing to contribute to this, call Mrs. J. C. Archer for special needs.

Entertains Two Bridge Clubs.

Mrs. Will Phares entertained the members of the Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon bridge clubs yesterday afternoon at her home on West Second street. Miss Theo Griffith of Chicago, who is visiting Mrs. Oliver K. Bovard, was the only out-of-town guest present.

Sew for Belgian Orphans.

The Penelope Club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Chas. McNeal, with sixteen members and two visitors present. The visitors were: Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. John Quinn. A short business session was held, and the rest of the afternoon was spent making little quilts for the Belgian orphans. Light refreshments were served by the hostess.

Hamilton Guests Honored.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Corwin entertained at 1 o'clock dinner last Monday in honor of Mrs. J. W. McLean and her son, Menzie of Hamilton, Mo., who have been visiting friends in Maryville. Additional guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholas and little son, Charles Jr. Mr. McLean has enlisted in the radio corps of the United States navy, and will leave soon for the training station at the Great Lakes.

A Farewell Surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brummitt and family were agreeably surprised Tuesday night when a number of their friends came in to spend the evening. Games were played and all, on departing, wished Mr. Brummitt and family well in their new home in South Dakota, for which they expect to leave scon. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Noakes, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Robinson and daughter, Violet, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Runnels, Mrs. C. Grimmitt, Misses Mabel and Lulu Brummitt, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Casey, W. H. Lilley, Roy Brummitt, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brummitt and Byrel and Victoria Brummitt.

A Farewell Party.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Black entertained the G. T. club at their home west of Burlington Junction Saturday night in honor of Coral Black, who has been certified for military service. The house was decorated throughout with red, white and blue. The evening was spent playing games and music, after which refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, jello and cake were served. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Black, James Black, Mrs. Mary Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutcheson, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Fast, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kingery and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Walters and little daughter, Misses Margaret Parker, Edna, Pearl and Esther Walters, Alberta Howard, Martha Black, Bertha Walters, Glenn Porter, Miss Granthum, Mildred Howard; Stanly Huston, Mills and Alfred Crane, Clint Buckalleu, Lessie Walters, Cliff Brown, Walter Williams, Jay Race, Harry Shelton, Bert Parker, Archie Black and the honored guest, Coral Black, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Black.

Joint Social Tonight.

The members of the Men's Organized Bible class and the Amoma Class of the First Baptist church will hold a joint social tonight at the church parlors. All members are urged to be present.

Bosch-Nigh Wedding.

Miss Lois G. Bosch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bosch of Parnell, and Robert J. Nigh, were married at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, the Rev. C. R. Green, pastor of the Harmony church officiating. The bride was prettily dressed in white net over white silk, and carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses. Following the ceremony an elaborate two course wedding supper was served to the close relatives and friends, who were: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Nigh, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pistole, Mr. and Mrs. William Bosch and baby daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar New and daughter, Angeline, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hart and daughter, Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Dean and son of Blockton, Ia., Mrs. Pistole, Mrs. Charles F. Dempsey of Barnard, Laura Nigh, Gretchen Nigh, Mildred and Thelma Bosch, Alta Eart, Leonard, Henry and Bryan Bosch, Harley Nigh, Loren Hart, Lewis and Clyde Starks and Oren and George Nigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Nigh will be at home after January 1, on Mr. Nigh's farm near Gaynor.

I. I. Club.

The I. I. Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Lyda Onstot. After the business meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her mother. The afternoon was spent in making a quilt top for Mrs. Frank Nichols, mother of the Wilcox triplets. The members present were: Mrs. Ed Babb, Mrs. Brice Hall, Mrs. Andrew Fink, Mrs. Joe Cockayne, Mrs. Lon Hughes, Mrs. Claude Shell, Mrs. John Halasey, Mrs. Al Taylor and daughter, Marie, Mrs. Byron Kinsley and daughter, Frances, Mrs. Charles Moore and daughter, Mrs. Allen Haller and baby son, Mrs. Elihu Shell, Mrs. Clarence Duncan and Miss Leta Babb. The visitors were: Grandma Kinsley, Nellie Hall and Miss Aurilla Burris of Red Oak, Iowa, who is visiting Mrs. Ed Babb. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Allen Haller on December 19.

STOP THAT ACHE!

Don't worry and complain about a bad back. Get rid of that pain and lameness! Use Doan's Kidney Pills. Many Maryville people have used them and know how effective they are. Here's a Maryville case:

Mrs. K. E. Ratcliffe, 816 North Walnut street, Maryville, says: "Mornings I used to get up with the most terrible backaches, it seemed as though my back would break. My head ached a great deal and I was awfully dizzy, too. My kidneys acted too frequently, causing me great annoyance. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills so highly recommended that I got some at Gaugh & Woodworth's Drug Store. They removed all the kidney trouble and it hasn't been necessary for me to use a kidney medicine now for over four years."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Ratcliffe had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Paul Willson Improving.

U. I. Willson returned yesterday from Chicago, where he was called on account of the serious illness of his son, Paul, who underwent an operation for appendicitis a few days ago. Mr. Willson reports his son improving. Mrs. Willson remained for a few days in Chicago.

Miss Nina Lamport of Pickering is visiting in Maryville with her aunts, Mrs. Al Royston and Mrs. Nelle Alden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shelton of Quitman were in Maryville today.

John Murphy and Clarence Bainum of Wilcox were in Maryville today.

George Swaney of Pickering was a Maryville visitor today.

Fred Nicholas of Burlington Junction is in Maryville today.

CROUP

Spasmodic croup is usually relieved with one application of—

Keep a Little Body-Guard in Your Home

VICK'S VAPORUB

Alderman-Yehle Dry Goods Co.

WEST THIRD STREET, MARYVILLE, MO.

The Store of The Christmas Spirit

THE wholesome spirit of Christmas must not be submerged by the gloom of parsimony or pessimism. By all means keep up the true spirit of Christmas which bring sincere happiness on Christmas Day to the strong true hearts of this Great Nation.

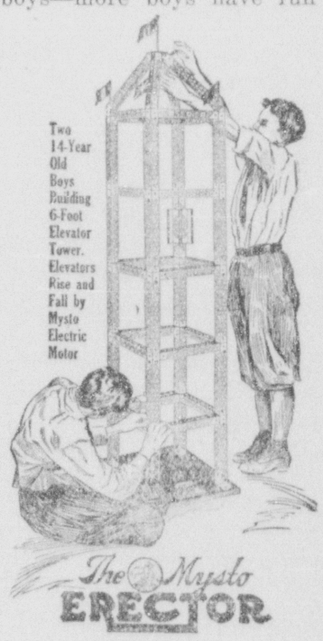
It is in this Christmas spirit that this store of quality offers you its Christmas service. Beautiful new assortments of Christmas things have been arriving for the past month and we have arranged them for easy selection. Every effort has been put forth to make this the real Christmas store of Nodaway county and we hope that our accomplishments may again prove worthy of your confidence.

Shop Now—the Christmas displays will be complete this week and you will get the benefit of first choice and larger assortments — then you avoid the jam and crowd of the "eleventh hour shoppers" which is sure to come later.

Toyland

Toyland is being arranged in the Home Furnishings deparment and within the next day or two our entire stock of new toys will be on display.

The Gilbert Toys are toys that meet the approval of all boys—more boys have fun with Erectors and Electrical Sets than any other toys in the world.



There is literally miles of Erector structures — bridges, railroads, skyscraper buildings and son on that are built by industrious young Erector engineers.

Try Erector Toy Engineering. It is the play that wins.

Come in and have the Erectors, Electrical Sets and Gilmotors demonstrated to you. See display in window.

The Gift Perfect

Those who are looking for the perfect gift—"the gift of a thousand virtues"—those who are looking for the inexpensive gift—the practical gift—the frivolous gift—the useful gift—the unusual gift — whatever kind you have in mind, you will find it here in this store. The store is a veritable Christmas mart with everything for Christmas, filling it with the joyous spirit of giving.

Dolls! Dolls!!

What girl does not love dolls? Every little girl, whether she has a doll or not is delighted with a new one, and is always ready to welcome one more in her family. We have been very fortunate this season and have collected a very extensive assortment of dolls—the kind that will just make the little girls bubble over with joy.

Begin Your Christmas Shopping Now—its to your advantage from every standpoint

Buy Your Clothing Now

Select your furnishings now while our present stocks are complete and prices much lower than they will be later on.

UNDERWEAR—
Exclusive agency for Men's Munsingwear — all fabrics and all the styles—
$1.50 to $4.00

SWEATERS—
Complete line, including regulation O. D. army sweaters—
75c to $10.00

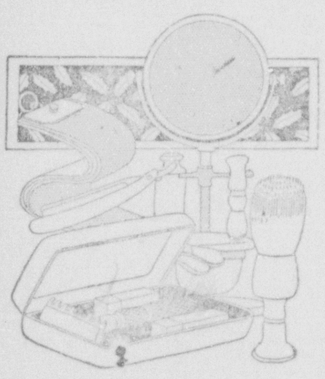
MACKINAWS—
Now is the time to buy a good warm Mackinaw
$4.00 to $10.00

WOOL SHIRTS—
Khaki, Tan, Olive and Gray wool shirts—
$1.50 to $3.00

MEN'S GLOVES—
Splendid line of leather and wool gloves—
50c to $3.00

OVERSHOES—
"Austin Steel Wool" Brand Overshoes, the kind that wear, one and four buckle —
$1.75 to $3.50

Murphy Clothing Co.
ONE PRICE STORE



The Successful Christmas Gift.

is the one selected while there is time for thoughtful consideration of its suitableness —while our stock is full and fresh and beautiful.
Through every department of our store you will find abundant evidence of our successful efforts to provide more generously than ever for the Christmas shopper.

Kuchs Bros.
Book and Jewelry Store.

WANT 'HELLO GIRLS' IN ARMY

A Unit of 150 Will be Formed at Once by Army Signal Corps—Applicants From Missouri Desired

The government wants "hello girls" for war service in France. A unit of 150 telephone operators able to speak both French and English will be formed immediately under direction of the army signal corps, according to word from Washington.

The operators will enlist for the duration of the war. Missouri applications are courted. In addition to their pay they will be given allowances of quarters and rations accorded to army nurses, and also wear the same uniform.

Applicants should apply by mail to Room 826, Mills Building Annex, Washington.

FOR SALE—No. 5 Oliver Typewriters, cheap, on monthly payments. J. B. Jones, 418 West Second St. x

COAL.

Car Wyoming, Franklin County, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri lump coal just arrived. Man at Burlington yards. Now is your opportunity to get your winter supply before cold weather.
Wm. EVERHART.

Costs Less and Kills That Cold

HILL'S CASCARA BROMIDE QUININE

The standard cold cure for 20 years—in tablet form—safe, sure, no opiates—cures cold in 24 hours—grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red top and Mr. Hill's picture on it. Costs less, gives more, saves money. 24 Tablets for 25c.
At Any Drug Store

MUST USE SPADE CAREFULLY

Old Battlefields Will Have to Be Worked With Care to Avoid Countless Unexploded Shells.

A great deal of careful spade work will be required in the northern part of France. Old battlefields covered with wild flowers, as I have seen them, observes a Paris correspondent, are in wide stretches a slumbering menace. Months after the war is over, naval men have told me, mines will still make voyages perilous in certain sea areas. For perhaps many months more it would be equally as perilous for a farmer to plow these once fertile fields in the great war's battle swept areas.

Here and there are danger signals indicating unexploded mines. And the immense power of these mines is easily gauged by looking at the enormous craters where some of them have been "blown." The war has gone on its way and left these souvenirs of its intensity and deadliness. Here, there and everywhere are unexploded shells, German "minnies," or Boche "jampots."

What can a "jam pot" do? I was talking with an officer who was in a first line trench early in the war when one of these infernal machines was lobbed over from the German lines. It stuck its nose in some soft mud and did not explode. It was permitted to rest in peace by the battalion then in that part of the line. Another battalion came, and one man decided to fire into it with his pistol to explode it and thus remove the ever present menace. The bullet pierced it, but it did not explode. He moved closer and fired another shot, and they found nothing of him after the second shot.

NEW TYPE MIDGET TRACTOR

Conventional Caterpillar Design to Be Used as Substitute for Narrow-Gage Industrial Railroads.

A small tractor of the conventional caterpillar type which is designed as a substitute for the narrow-gage industrial railroads operated in connection with large plants, has recently made its appearance, says Popular Science Monthly. It can move material rapidly from one department of a factory to another and pass obstacles, since it does not require roads or tracks for its operation. Furthermore, it does not mar the surface over which it passes, because it lays its own track as it goes along.

For this reason it can be used inside factory buildings. It can pass through doorways of the ordinary size, and when not used in transporting material from one department to another, it can be employed in the shipping room or on the loading platform. It is but 50 inches wide and 52 inches high.

There are any number of other uses to which the industrial tractor may be put. For instance, it can be employed for pulling loaded wagons out of excavations, or it can be used in logging camps, or in lumber yards, mines and shipyards.

Airplane Wrecks Train.

An airplane has often proved itself more than a match for its antagonist in an unequal encounter. A French aviator once penetrated far behind the German lines and chanced upon a heavily laden troop train. The speed of his craft being fully twice that of this unusual antagonist, it gave him an advantage he was quick to use. The airplane flew so low that its machine gun was brought to bear upon the cars, raking them with disastrous results. Still flying very low, the airman increased his speed and, on coming abreast of the locomotive, shot both engineer and fireman. Left to itself, the locomotive raced forward uncontrolled, and taking a sharp curve at high speed was wrecked with great loss of life.

Heroic Wireless Operator.

The heroic conduct of Vignola, the wireless operator in the Messageries liner Natal, sunk in the Mediterranean, was brought to light by survivors. When the collision occurred Vignola, who had been temporarily relieved by a petty officer, rushed to his post and telling his substitute to save himself, sent out a signal of distress. Then he reported to the captain, who replied, "All right, now save yourself!" Instead of doing so the operator returned to his telegraph cabin and with absolute calm sent out fresh signals, which were picked up by the Marseilles station. When the ship sank a quarter of an hour later Vignola went down with it.

Whale Meat Is Used.

"Whale meat a la Creole," is the new offering on a San Francisco hotel menu. The portions are large and juicy, delightfully seasoned, and cost 75 cents each. The new food has come to stay, according to the hotel experts. It is a war-time food resource of the United States that has been overlooked. Many tried it and pronounced it good. The whale meat is supplied by a sea products company, which has bought property at Moss Landing and will establish a packing house there. The meat resembles beef in appearance, texture and flavor. There is no fishy taste about it.

Source of Strength.

Let us draw strength not from twice-told arguments, but from the busy spectacle of our great city's life, remembering that all her magnitude she owes to men with the fighter's daring, the wise man's understanding of his duty and the good man's self-discipline in its performance.—Exchange.

WINS AND LOSES ARGUMENT

Persistent Irishman Bragging of Lighting Pipe With Last Match, Puts It Out With Oratory.

Philosophy may be a wonderful thing for the classroom, but there's an Irish foreman on the subway work who will tell you in emphatic subway vernacular that it is wasted in construction work, muses a New York correspondent. It was after the dinner pail period when the foreman crammed his little old joy box full of terbaccy and reached in his pocket for a match. There was none there. A canvass of his crew revealed one box of matches—the kind that occasionally light. There were just seven matches in the box, and the foreman knew that he must get a light or do without his dessert. Carefully he shielded the first match with his coat as he struck. It fizzled. The second failed to give a spark. The third and fourth were equally futile, and the fifth and sixth sputtered only long enough to wring forth profane protests from the foreman. With excessive care he drew the seventh from the box. To his delight it blazed up strong and, with a gratified grunt, he lighted his pipe.

"I was afraid I wasn't going to get the light at all," he told his men. "That all goes to show that persistance is the thing, boys; stick to it is my motto. You see, if I had got mad" (and he gestured with his pipe to show what he meant), "I wouldn't have been smoking now from the best little pipe in the world. Take it from me, boys, you'll always win out if yer follow me." And then, while the crew sniggered meanly, he put his pipe back in his mouth to discover that it was out.

FISH PRODUCE MANY EGGS

Scientific Count Shows Perch 10.2 Inches Long Contained 30,480—More in Small Than Large.

Information concerning the number of eggs produced by various species of fish has been limited mainly to rather rough estimates.

According to the Allgemeine Fischerei-Zeitung, some careful counts were made last year at the Bavarian trout hatchery. The first investigations were in connection with common trout and rainbow trout; 58 specimens of the former and 54 of the latter were stripped, and the ova counted. The older and heavier fish were found to have the most eggs (ranging up to about 3,000), but the younger fish yielded a decidedly larger number of eggs in proportion to the weight of the fish.

The experiments were repeated with perch (Perca fluviatilis), in this case the females just about to spawn being killed, and the ovaries being removed and dissected. The number of eggs in perch ranged from 3,710 for a fish four inches long up to 30,480 for one 10.2 inches long; but in this species, also, the number of eggs per unit weight of fish is much larger in small than in large fish.—Scientific American.

Curious School Customs.

Mexican schoolmasters show their appreciation of pupil's efforts in a curious manner. The diligent student is allowed to smoke a cigar during the lesson. When the whole class has given satisfaction permission is given for a general smoke, and even the little Mexicans are allowed to light a cigarette for the occasion. Needless to say, the schoolmaster himself smokes a cigar of a size and quality proportionate to his superior position. But the pupils are not allowed to drink, this privilege being accorded to the master only. On his desk he always keeps a bottle of liquor, which, when empty, occasions much dispute among the parents of his scholars, as it is considered an honor to be able to fill the schoolmaster's bottle.

Cremation of Hindu.

Strange ritual marked the ceremony of the cremation of the body of a female Hindu on the banks of the Zwartkops river (South Africa). The body, in a coffin, was taken to the spot in a hearse, where it was removed from the coffin and placed on a pile of faggots, which had been built up cradle fashion ready to receive the body. Deceased's daughter then walked round the body three times with a burning torch and set fire to the pyre in several places. It took three and a half hours to cremate the remains, the ashes of which were thrown in the river. The coffin was also burned. Permission was granted for the carrying out of the above by the town council and the administrator.

China's Great Man Power.

Of the 400,000,000 persons in China, it is estimated that at least 40,000,000 are men capable of carrying arms or doing some sort of labor directly connected with the war. Of this number, 2,000,000 are living within reasonable distance of transportation facilities and could be mobilized were it necessary. China has such an abundance of men that millions could be spared to the advantage of those remaining at home.

Superiority.

"Women are queer."

"Yes?"

"Mrs. Twobble has just returned from a trip to New York and merely because she stayed at a hotel with more dining rooms than the hotel usually patronized by Mrs. Jibway on her eastern trips can boast of she's inclined to look down on Mrs. Jibway."

LAUNCH NEW CONCRETE BOAT

Strange Craft Will be 154 Feet Long With 26-Foot Beam — Will be Used to Transport Coal

Pittsburgh, Dec. 6.—Within a few months there will be launched here the first reinforced concrete, non-sinkable barge ever floated.

One of the largest coal companies of this district recently let a contract for the construction of this strange ship. Only one is to be built at the present, and that for experimental purposes. It will have a capacity of 500 tons and will contain no timber except parts used for flooring, whales and timber heads. It will be 154 feet long, 26-foot beam, 10 feet deep with a draft of seven feet. The sides and bottom will be four inches thick and will be constructed by a special method to insure a dense concrete mixture which cannot be affected by the acid peculiar to the waters in this district.

The new barge is said to be stronger and more durable than the present steel barge and will cost less to build. One can be built in half the time required for a wood or steel vessel, is absolutely fireproof, free from vibration and the arrangement of a series of water tight compartments makes the vessel practically unsinkable. The bottom surface also is smooth as glass and proof against corrosion and will not roughen with age.

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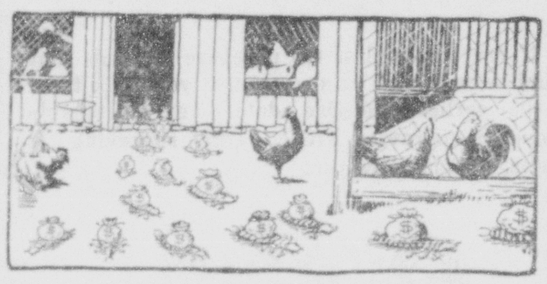

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PERCHERON HORSE IS KING

Big Fellows Are Demanding Fancy Prices — Importations of Pure Bloods Has Practically Ceased

Chicago, Dec. 6. — Tractors may come and Fords may go, but Percheron horses will go on forever.

This is the slogan of the Percheron Society of America, in its annual opening session here today at the Congress hotel.

Wayne Dinsmore, secretary of the society, who called the meeting to order, said the Percherons are kings in the draft horse class. To support his contention he cited the fact that buyers for various governments, who want the animals for military purposes, demand a heavy type horse. Consequently, he said, the big fellows are commanding the fancy prices while the light ones have not advanced noticeably since the war.

Further increase in heavy horse values is expected by big stock men in attendance. They predict lower prices for those under 1,400 pounds.

That importation of pure bred Percherons has practically ceased, was the declaration made by Secretary Dinsmore. Only sixty-four have been imported so far this year, he said. The chief reason, he declared, was because breeders in this country are improving and maintaining the points of excellence so that the demand for the new blood can be filled to advantage in America. He admitted the war is partly responsible.

In the secretary's reports to the society he showed exports continue at a heavy rate—805,422 horses and 267,144 mules having been shipped from this country during the period of 28 months ending January 1, 1917.

Graham M. E. Church Notes.

Services Sunday, Dec. 9, as follows:

Graham—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Mt. Zion—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prreaching at 11 a. m.

Rockford—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 3 p. m.

Swan Chapel—Sunday school at 10 a m.

E. W. CROY, Pastor.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

HOOVER TO VISIT MISSOURI

Will Be at Columbia During Farmers' Week, January 14-18, as Guest of Governor Gardner

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 6.—Herbert C. Hoover, United States food administrator, will visit Missouri and Columbia during Farmers' Week, January 14 to 18, upon the invitation of Gov. Frederick D. Gardner, the Federal food administration for Missouri has announced.

An effort is being made by the men directing the annual Farmers' Week of the Missouri College of Agriculture to have Mr. Hoover come for the banquet which will close the meeting on January 18. No definite date has been set for his coming and only preliminary arrangements have been made.

The visit to Missouri will be part of a trip through the Mississippi Valley which Mr. Hoover is contemplating and will make unless wartime conditions interfere.

TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

Missouri Schools in Celebration of Statehood on January 8—Programs Are Planned

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 6. — Missouri public schools will celebrate the admission of Missouri to statehood on January 8, 1918.

William R. Painter, chairman of the Missouri State Centennial of One Thousand, and U. W. Lampkin, state superintendent of public instruction, are arranging for these celebrations.

They will be the first of a series of state celebrations in commemoration of the admission of Missouri to the Union, August 10, 1821. On that date a monster patriotic meeting will be held at St. Charles.

Other celebrations are being planned for St. Louis, Kansas City, Sedalia, during state fair week, Jefferson City and Columbia.

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By HENRY L. STERRETT.

"I do so love a good game of baseball, and I suppose yours will be a battle royal. I expect to enjoy it greatly."

The speaker was a beautiful damsel of nineteen, a "co-ed" in a fashionable university. She was shy-eyed, demure, clever and bewitching, with a figure and manner that had set the students by the ears. The young men owed allegiance to rival universities, rivaling each other in sports and collegiate attainments and last of all were rivals for the favors of Miss Edith Marsden.

"Of course you pitch," said Edith, turning to Hal Stone, a blond giant burdened with a heavy club, garnished by a huge knot of purple ribbon; "and of course you expect to win?"

"That's my intention," was the modest reply. "By the way, Miss Edith, can't I prevail on you to wear our colors?" untying the ribbon and offering it. "You shall be queen of love and beauty, and spur us on to victory."

"How nice. Yes, I'll wear them as it is championship day. What is your offer, Mr. Carlyle?"

"I regret that I have no banderole to offer, nor scarf of our colors with me," said Tim Carlisle. "Purple is fit only for royalty, fair lady, and I felicitate my foe on his happy thought. Yet we crown our queens of love and beauty as Americans with a red, red rose. Will you accept this one?"

"Oh, how charming!" exclaimed the girl as she inhaled the fragrance of the flower. Her checks were as red as the rose itself as she noted the appeal in the eyes of her cavalier. "You too, will win?"

"We hope so," was the quiet answer. "You see we want that pennant."

It was a battle royal. Two teams more evenly matched rarely meet on the diamond.

Ten thousand people yelled when the teams trotted on the field ready for the fray. A man clad in white duck with an air of importance, walked to the home plate, brushed it off, tossed the broom to the mascot, looked at his watch, and then at the sky. Carlisle stalked slowly toward the box while his men scattered to their positions. Then the white man tossed a white ball and some words out to Tim, but no one heard his remark. For seven innings neither side scored. But in the eighth big Harker, for the purple, found a ball to his liking, and swung on it. When it came back to the diamond the big man was panting on the bench. Maroon failed to score and the purple was one run to the good.

Three men on bases and two out was the record in the ninth when Hal stepped to the plate. Victory was in the end of his bat, and he knew it. He smashed the first ball and it sped as an arrow straight for Tim's head. His hands flew up and the pitcher rolled on the earth while two men trotted in. Then the cunning boxman rose and showed the ball lightly squeezed in his hands. The man in white made a haughty gesture and the Maroons came in. It was still one to nothing, with the odds in favor of a tie, at least. Stone kicked, but to no purpose. He saw Edith wildly applauding his enemy's brilliant play, and his face grew black. He was unsteadied by his anger and three sharp hits sent a man over with the tying run. His own swiftness and skill prevented the loss of the game.

Then Tim stepped to the plate. Hal determined to strike him out, or put him out of the game. He had hit every time at bat, so the big fellow sent in a lot of high benders curving dangerously near the batter's head. Tim saw the play, and stepped back to protest. Then he faced his man in rage. In came another swift inshoot. It struck Tim fairly on the temple, and he fell as if shot. Hal rushed to his fallen enemy, wringing his hands, but Tim was out of the game. Then things settled down again, and the game proceeded. Maroon made no more runs, and the teams squared away t the extra inning. Stone looked up to see Edith, but she had disappeared. In fierce wrath he sent the ball so far out that it never got into the game again. He scored the winning run, for the rattled Maroons failed Purple was champion.

Stone rushed from the field in triumph, seeking for Edith. He found her in the reception room of the clubhouse kneeling beside the couch on which Carlisle rested. Tim's head was bandaged, but as he held the hand of the girl he seemed to care little for his injury.

"Miss Edith," blurted Hal, "you said you'd wear the winner's colors. I claim your promise."

"I have kept it, sir," said the girl with quiet dignity. "I have told Tim so. This," indicating the rose, "is the winner's colors. You struck out, Mr. Stone," she added, pointing meaningly to the recumbent figure on the couch.

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Our Selected Army.

"The advantage of universal service," says ex-President Taft, "is that it puts every man in the place best fitted for him.

"It's like the case of the captain of the man-of-war. He saw a new hand loafing by the rail.

"'What was this chap in civil life?' he demanded.

"'A milkman, sir, was the reply.

"'Then,' roared the captain, 'to the pumps with him at once!'"

LOANED WATCHES RAN AWAY

Timepieces Borrowed From Jeweler Inherited Odd Habit of One Left to Be Repaired.

There are several kinds of watches—there are gold watches, silver watches, dollar watches and watches the jeweler has to lend his patients while theirs are being repaired.

For the last ten days we have been carrying a borrowed watch, relates a writer in the Detroit Free Press. Our timepiece was not exactly out of order, it would run, but it had no control. It ran wild on the bases. It stole the second and third hour frequently. We would set it at eight o'clock and look at it 20 minutes later and discover that it was 15 minutes past three. We are erratic, but we weren't erratic enough to keep up with that watch. So we took it into the dry dock, where the man squints at it through a sawed-off telescope and tells you that it will cost $2 to fix it.

After he had told us it would cost us $2 we asked him to lend us a watch until we called for our own. This he did. He wound up a ticker and set it. It was 12 noon when we took it from his hands. Two hours later a friend asked us the time, and we showed him our watch. It was a quarter to seven.

"Gosh," he said, "I didn't think it was that late. I overlooked dinner time in some way."

So we went back and borrowed another watch from the jeweler. "This one is O. K.," he said with a smile. We carried it for an hour. In that time it had jumped 16 hours. We don't know now when we look at it whether it is Berlin time or tomorrow's time. We can set it at two o'clock, and when the city hall is ringing three our borrowed watch swears it is 15 minutes after four o'clock tomorrow. At first we looked on the watches suspiciously, but now we have begun to suspect ourselves. When three watches begin to lie to your face something is wrong.

PAY JEWELER HIS OWN MONEY

Parisian Swindlers Inveigle Merchant Into Signing Name to Order for Three Hundred Pounds.

A very clever swindle was successfully carried out in the Rue de la Paix, Paris. A carriage drove up to a large jeweler's shop, and an elderly man, with his arm in a sling, accompanied by a footman, who carried a rug, entered the shop.

The gentleman selected and bought some three hundred pounds' worth of jewelry, and then said, "If you do not mind, I will send my man home for the money." The jeweler bowed, and the gentleman continued: "I should be pleased if you would write for me. I have hurt my arm. Just write, 'Please give Robert three hundred pounds,' and sign it 'Henri.'"

The jeweler wrote as he was directed, and in a quarter of an hour the footman came back with the money, and then he, with his master, left with the jewelry.

When the jeweler went home to dinner his wife asked him the reason he had sent for three hundred pounds. Then the swindle was discovered. The rogues knew that the jeweler's name was Henri, and they had got him to write the note for the money, which was taken to his wife, and then they paid him for the jewels with his own money.

Shirk Duty When Hungry.

Hungry jurymen appealed to the judge in a London court. They had been kept sitting during the luncheon hour, and had failed to agree on a verdict. One of them suggested to Judge Rentoul that possibly a little refreshment might help them. "Hungry men," he added, "are not disposed to listen to arguments." The judge said refreshments should be supplied if there was any possibility of the jury coming to a verdict, but the foreman replied that there appeared to be no chance of their agreeing. "In my native country," said Judge Rentoul, "a juryman once took in a quantity of beef and a small bottle of beer and said to his fellow jurors, 'I am for an acquittal,' without waiting for their verdict. And the others had to give in from the sheer necessities of the case."

Kaiser's War Library.

It is reported that the kaiser is devoting considerable time to the creation of his own war library, and already this remarkable collection numbers 10,000 volumes.

The war lord is well known as a vain man and his collection of photographs runs into thousands. While the books come from every country, only German photographs are included, and those of the kaiser himself are numerous.

The war collection of the Royal Library of Berlin now numbers 50,000 volumes, and they are bound in special covers of gray, stamped with the Prussian eagle.

Temper, Foe of Collar.

Recent tests prove that a man's temper has more to do with his collar wearing out than does the much abused laundry. In the tests new collars endured around forty trips through the laundry process before cracks began to render them unpresentable.

On the other hand, collars that were worn after each washing were good for only about twenty trips through the laundry.

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Sherman Was Right.

A Kansas City girl recently received the following acknowledgment from a soldier:

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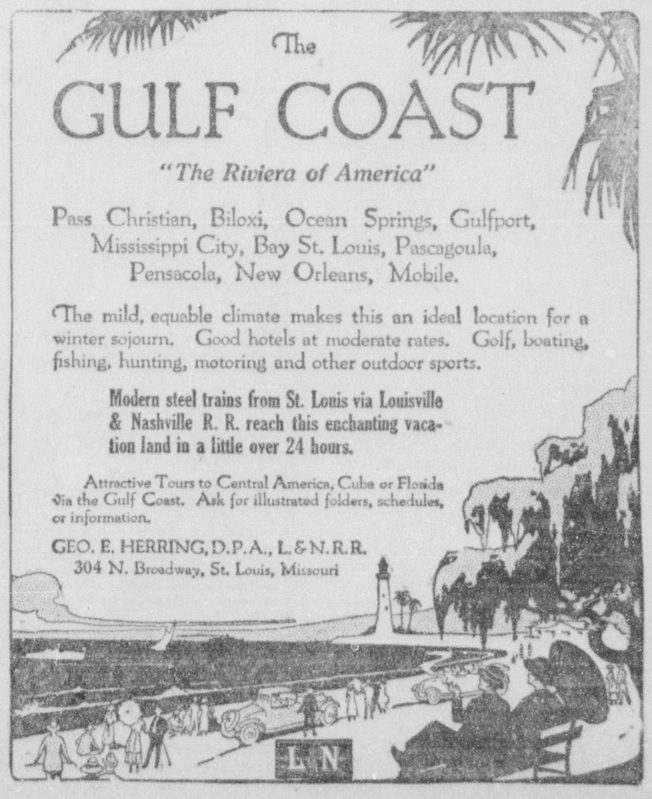

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good list of prime real estate mortgage loans for disposal, in amounts to suit investors. See us for terms. Over Nodaway Valley Bank. The Sisson Loan & Title Co. 21tf

FOR SALE AT AUCTION—Household goods Saturday, Dec. 8, at 3 o'clock, at first door north Christian church. C. M. Murdock. Goods all new and in good shape. Col. R. P. Hosmer, auct. 4-7*

FOR SALE—Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels, good large ones. J. R. Potter phone Pickering 2-18. 4-6*

BUILDING FOR SALE—The Knox garage. Possession January 1. Also skating rink. See J. W. Holt. 5-7*

FOR SALE— Pure bred Duroc Jersey boars in good breeding condition. Orea N. Lanning, Barnard, phone No. 2105. 1tf

FOR SALE—Square piano in good condition. Call Hanamo phone 117. 5-7*

FOR SALE — Poland-China male hogs; sire, Clyde's Giant (85237), dam, Thanksgiving 3rd, (191379). Big stretchy fellows. Inquire Gus King, Conception Junction. 30-6*

FOR SALE—My grocery and meat market, $5,000. Doing cash business; big discount to cash buyer. Will consider first mortgage paper, clear property or land. L. F. Chapin, Pattonsburg, Mo. 4-6*

FOR SALE—60 acres 2½ miles south of Arkoe. 2 houses, barn 22x40, hen house, hog house, rock cave, 4 good wells, 400 rods woven wire fence, mile to good approved school. Terms, $1,750 down, balance on time. Martin Logan, route 3, Barnard. Telephone Arkoe. 3-8

FOR SALE—Moline Universal tractor with two 14-inch bottom gang plows. Hall's Implement store. 6-10

FOR SALE — Cord wood, $4.00 per cord, good oak posts, $15 per hundred on ground; pole wood $3.00 per cord, at the Carr bridge. B. F. Mozingo, Hanamo phone 309. 6-12*

FOR SALE—A good heavy team of mules. Call M. P. Gingrich, Farmers phone 9-18. 6-8

FOR SALE — Gardner carburetters, Detroit cartridge locks and gas tank guages. Install a Gardner carburetter on your Ford and we guarantee you can outrun any dog in the country. Hall's Implement store. 6-10

MISCELLANEOUS

FURS, FURS—I will pay highest prices for all kinds of furs, hides and junk. Satisfaction guaranteed. Maryville Iron and Metal Co. 27-7*

NOTICE—To hunters and trappers: Positively no hunting or trapping allowed on my premises. That means you. C. H. Wilson. 4-6*

LOST—Off my car, here in town, Firestone Cord tire, rim and tube. Return to W. C. Pierce, Farmers Trust Co. 5-7

Electric metal wheel trucks delivered anywhere in Nodaway county with neck yoke, doubletree and singletrees for $40.00. Electric wagon boxes, delivered for $20.00. Call me. L. R. Holt. 26-10

DEERE, Model B, disc harrow 16x16 with tongue, truck and double trees for $60.00. Now don't hurry, but be quick. L. R. Holt. 26-10

PLUMBING—We make a specialty of installing modern plumbing in old houses and remodeling old plumbing; estimates free. Standard Plumbing Co., Hanamo 46.

FOR AUTO and Vehicle Painting, see J. W. Linneman. Shop 118 South Buchanan, Maryville. Satisfaction guaranteed. Hanamo 6338. 6-8

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — Front rooms over South Side bakery, formerly occupied by U. S. Recruiting Station. Inquire of Kate Schenck, Hanamo 683. 29tf.

FOR RENT — Modern furnished rooms. 615 North Fillmore. Phone 5456. 4-6*

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for or without light housekeeping. Call Hanamo phone 3430. 6-8

WANTED

WANTED — A dishwasher at the New Linville Hotel. 5-7

WANTED—Good news correspondent at Burlington Junction, Hopkins, Skidmore, Barnard and Ravenwood. For further information write or call at Democrat-Forum office, Maryville, Mo.

LOST—Roman stripe crocheted bag containing tatting and scissors. Return to Democrat-Forum office. 6-8*

MARKET REPORTS

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Grain Market Future

Kansas City, Dec. 6.—CORN—December, $1.26⅝; May, $1.25⅝.

Kansas City Live Stock

Kansas City, Dec. 6. — CATTLE — Receipts, 7,000; steers, $10.15; cows, $6.13.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,000; top, $17.40; bulk, $17.40.

Chicago Live Stock

Chicago, Dec. 6. — CATTLE — Receipts, 14,000; market 10 higher.

HOGS—Receipts, 28,000; market 5 higher; top, $17.50.

St .Joseph Live Stock

St. Joseph, Dec. 6.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,000; market, strong.

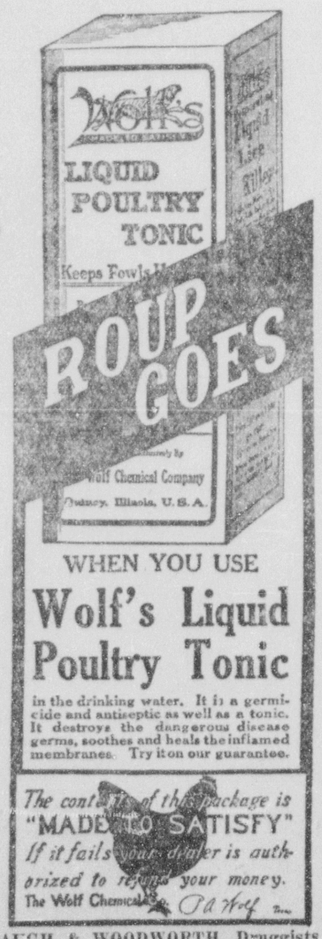
HOGS—Receipts, 3,500; market, 10 higher; top, $17.40.

COAL.

Car Wyoming, Franklin County, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri lump coal just arrived. Man at Burlington yards. Now is your opportunity to get your winter supply before cold weather. Wm. EVERHART.

J. W. Brown of Kansas City is visiting at the home of Mrs. Fred Hastings and daughter, Mrs. Gay Leeper. He will be accompanied home by his little son, Joe Brown, who has been visiting here several days.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.



WHEN YOU USE

Wolf's Liquid Poultry Tonic

in the drinking water. It is a germicide and antiseptic as well as a tonic. It destroys the dangerous disease germs, soothes and heals the inflamed membranes. Try it on our guarantee.

The contents of this package is "MADE TO SATISFY" If it fails your dealer is authorized to refund your money.
The Wolf Chemical Co.

GAUGH & WOODWORTH, Druggists. South Side of Square, Maryville, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Badger of Barnard were in Maryville on business today.

F. P. Robinson went to St. Joseph on business today.

Remus'

Saving Money

these days is not only to the interest of your pocketbook—it is a patriotic duty which your country asks of you. Our cash selling and cash buying plan is the biggest help you will find in money saving. Consult these

Grocery Special

for

Friday and Saturday

and you will be convinced it pays to buy at this store—the fastest growing store in Maryville, because the prices we make and the quality of goods we sell make it grow.

No. 3 size can Frontier tomatoes	15c
2 cans Frontier corn	25c
Qt. can Mazola Cooking Oil	60c
½ gal. can Mazola Cooking Oil	$1.15
Post Toasties, small pkgs.	10c
Post Toasties, large pkgs.	15c
Ben Davis cooking apples, peck	20c
Small Pet Milk, per can	7c
2 quarts cranberries	25c
Fancy yellow sweet potatoes, per lb	5c
Velvet shortening, pure vegetable product, per lb	27c
Dill pickles, per dozen	20c
Sour pickles, per dozen	10c
2 large cans Pet Milk	25c
Red pitted cherries for pies, 2 cans for	35c
Glass jar Genesee mince meat	35c
Dromedary Dates, pkgs.	15c
Ohio potatoes, per bushel	$1.50
Fancy evaporated peaches, per lb	15c
4 lbs Spanish onions	25c
25c can, 25 oz. Layton's baking powder	15c
Frontier Brand pie pumpkin, can	10c
Frontier Brand Hominy, per can	10c
No. 2 size tomatoes, can	10c
10 lb sack fresh ground corn meal for	45c
Argo Gloss starch, pkg.	5c
Jack Frost Pan Cake Flour	30c
5 lb sack self-rising pan cake flour	40c
3 cans Old Dutch Cleanser	25c
4 lbs Rice pop corn	25c
3 Crown bulk raisins, 2 lbs	25c
Zephyr Flour, 48 lb sack	$3.00
B M Cream flour, 48 lb sack for	$2.95

Remus

Mercantile Company

Phones: Hanamo 6. Far. 1.

Corner Third and Buchanan

WHAT'S IN A NAME

By VINCENT G. PERRY.

The village of Wattsville was hardly large enough to support one newspaper, and here it was with two. Fred Burnett, proprietor, managing editor, pressman and compositor of the Wattsville Advance, walked up and down the little room in front of his plant which he called the office, and bit at a match furiously. Wattsville had been without a paper for a long time, and the idea of starting up a weekly again was originally his. He was sure of that. He had come from the city and looked over the plant of the Echo, a paper that had not been published for ten years, and had decided it wasn't in good enough shape to put in working order. Not to be beaten in his effort to make himself a recluse from his friends, he bought out the plant of the Wainbright Advance and moved it to Wattsville to the little building it now occupied. In the meantime the Echo office had been sold by a real estate broker in the city, and the purchaser, who had bought the plant was a woman, the niece of the Widow Spur, of the village.

The idea of the thing was preposterous, he thought. Nobody could make the Echo plant work, let alone a woman.

"Poor thing—if she does know anything about newspaper work she will get a shock when she sees the Echo plant," he muttered.

He was right. Margaret Spur did get a severe shock when she saw the Echo plant. The real estate broker had told her it was in splendid working order, and her aunt had verified his statement. She was foolish to take the word of either, she thought.

If Margaret had belonged to another profession she would have wept, but her newspaper training had fortified her for just such disappointments as this one. Perhaps the plant wasn't as bad as it appeared, she thought, as she started to get things in better shape. As she worked over the type cases her mind went back to the city and the life she had left.

It was to find an occupation to take her mind off the biggest disappointment of her life that made her give up her position on the Times in the city and invest her savings in the country newspaper that proved to be so unpromising. The winter before she had been introduced to Tommy McKay at the Ironworkers' convention. He was representing the Tribune and she was reporting the convention for the Times. Tommy had a pleasant and attractive way, and as they sat side by side, chatting gaily, she couldn't help thinking that perhaps all the girls that wrote to her "Advice to the Fair Sex" column were not as silly as she had thought. The next day she missed her car and was late. Tommy lent her his notes, so that she would not miss the important points of the mayor's speech. After that kindness she couldn't very well have refused his invitation to the theater that evening. After the theater they went to a cabaret. He was the brightest boy she had ever known, and his sense of humor appealed to her.

The next summer they had their vacation at the same time. They met again at a seaside resort. The moonlight nights helped a lot, and before they had been there a fortnight they had decided that they couldn't very well get along without one another. Their happiness was brought to an abrupt ending when Tommy was sent for to take a position he had applied for in the North.

Margaret couldn't help running this all over in her mind as she worked.

The editor of the Advance stopped in front of the Echo office. It wouldn't be out of place to call on this Miss Spur. He could find out what she thought of the Echo plant.

Margaret heard the step in the doorway and turned around. As her eyes met the visitor's, she uttered a little scream and her handful of type fell to the floor.

"Tommy!" she gasped. "Tommy McKay!"

"Norma, what are you doing here?" he cried in surprise.

"Why, I'm the owner of this plant, Margaret Spur."

"You, Margaret Spur? Isn't Norma Cousins your right name? Why didn't you answer my letters?"

"Your letters, Tommy? I never received them." Norma was excited. "Tell me did you address them to Norma Cousins?"

"Yes; I thought that was your real name."

"It is only my pen name, the name under which I wrote for the Times. To think I never told you my right name! But didn't you get my letters, Tommy?"

"No, not a letter." Then it dawned upon him. "Did you know my right name isn't Tommy McKay; that that is only a pen name, too? My right name is Fred Burnett."

So that there would be no more mixups in names, the first issue of the Echo-Advance had printed at the top of the editorial column in bold type, "Fred Burnett, managing editor; Mrs. Fred Burnett, news editor."

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When There's Danger.

"Is it really dangerous to propose to a young widow?"

"Not unless you want to marry her."

Keep Doctor Away.

Close your mouth to overly rich foods and drinks and keep the doctor out.

PLACE OF MEAUX IN HISTORY

Little French City Is Nearest Spot to Paris Trod by Germans in Their Advance of 1914.

The little French city of Meaux, near Paris, has gained an immortal place in history. It marks the high tide of the German advance in 1914, the nearest spot to Paris where the Prussians trod. Thus far the advance patrols penetrated, and here they were recalled to swing off in the great detour that ended in retreat. Over Meaux flashed the German Taubes, looking down in puzzled misunderstanding at the endless scurrying line of Parisian taxicabs that bore the French Sixth army to the front to save the city. It was something new in transport, this army in taxicabs, and the Germans, accustomed to do all things by rule, went so far astray as to interpret it as a rush of the people of Paris to surrender themselves to the invader.

Near Meaux you see one of the most significant things in Europe—the first grave. Less than 30 kilometers from Paris this unknown Frenchman fell. Over his body is a bare oblong wire fencing off a little white cross. There are literally millions of these rude graves dotting the pleasant plains of northern France, but this is the nearest of them all to Paris itself. A little farther and you find them scattered more and more thickly, and now some of them are capped by black crosses instead of white, to mark the spot where a Prussian lies. And over the bodies of German and Frenchman the lush crops are crowding in, for this section of France is being intensively cultivated as no region has been before.

A few kilometers northward and eastward is the first of the great monuments raised over a common grave, where the dead lie by hundreds. The French engineers have erected many of these. They tower up in the flat land as the memory of those who lie below will tower in the minds of future generations. The wheat may rustle green about them and the traffic of peace flow by, but the countryside will be forever hallowed by the memory of a crisis when nameless men laid down their lives wholesale that a nation might live.

KNITTING BAG HELD SECRET

French Bulldog Leered From Folds of Satin Lining, Much to Surprise of Spectator.

She was a very pretty young woman, extremely well dressed. Her tailored suit was perfection, her boots and gloves immaculate, and her hat, correctly tilted, had the smart lines that women envy.

As though all this wasn't enough, she carried the most adorable knitting bag, says the Kansas City Star. It was made of some wonderful velvety brocaded stuff and the huge flowers of crocheted yarn somehow looked more stunning than those on other handsome bags.

With it all the face that peeped out from under the hat was so demure and serious that you knew the knitting she carried was not a sweater of orange or turquoise, but something made of sober gray yarn, for a boy "somewhere in France."

When the elevator stopped to let her in it gave the woman nearest her a chance to more closely examine the lovely bag, and she did not wait for opportunity to knock the second time. She suddenly cried out, for just as the girl stepped in the ridiculous face of a French bulldog leered from the soft folds of the satin lining.

When They Met Again.

Two friends met recently in Flanders. Dan Daly was one of the friends. He used to be an advertising man in Brooklyn and elsewhere. Just before the war began he was in Germany, look-seeing. One night there was a grand party in Frankfurt-am-Main. Nora Bayes was there and one or two other Americans and Arthur Blaut, who owns the largest tannery in Germany. He tans most of the leather for one of the great English firms. Next day Blaut and Daly went out in Blaut's car and saw the town. Then they said good-by.

"We were out gathering up the wounded," said Daly, "when I heard my name called. There was a German soldier with a smashed arm.

"Won't you speak to me, Dan?" he asked.

"It was Arthur Blaut."

But He Was Not Dead.

Raising trouble at his own funeral was the charge against a man in Portuguese Africa. A drunken man fell asleep by the roadside. A patrol coming along thought he was dead, and, as burial in that part of the world follows straight on the heels of death, he was speedily taken to the cemetery, where there are always open graves. The lowering into the grave aroused the toper, who made such a commotion that he was released. He was immediately fined a large sum for being drunk and creating a disturbance at a funeral.

Caterpillars Make Raid.

A plague of caterpillars devastated the region of Puy, in Auvergne, France. In the village of Aiguilhe they even invaded houses, causing the villagers to flee. At Vals several roads were covered with them to such a depth as to render traffic impossible, while the washerwomen on the banks of the River Borne were obliged to cease work. Great damage was caused to crops, a single night sufficing for the caterpillars to clear large areas. All the usual remedies proved unavailing.

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Russians Oppose Armistice.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Copenhagen, Dec. 6.—German efforts extended for an armistice is meeting with opposition. Berlin reports say the Russians have refused certain German terms and have laid down unacceptable counter terms.

Lloyd Heifner returned today from a several days visit at Columbia, Moberly and Macon.

Misses Allie and Bertha Beal were among the Maryville people to go to St. Joseph today.

G. D. and George Swinford of Bedison were in Maryville on business today.

Mrs. Walter Howard of Skidmore was shopping in Maryville today.

L. W. Lett of Pickering was in Maryville on business today.

Roy McNeal of Maitland is in Maryville on business toady.

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That's the usual experience with this home-made remedy. Costs little—try it.

Anyone who tries this pleasant tasting home-made cough syrup, will quickly understand why it is used in more homes in the United States and Canada than any other cough remedy. The way it takes hold of an obstinate cough, giving immediate relief, will make you regret that you never tried it before. It is a truly dependable cough remedy that should be kept handy in every home, to use at the first sign of a cough during the night or day time.

Any druggist can supply you with 2½ ounces of Pinex (60 cents worth). Pour this into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. The total cost is about 65 cents and you have a full pint of the most effective remedy you ever used.

The quick, lasting relief you get from this excellent cough syrup will really surprise you. It promptly heals the inflamed membranes that line the throat and air passages, stops the annoying throat tickle, loosens the phlegm, and soon your cough stops entirely. Splendid for bronchitis, croup, whooping cough and bronchial asthma.

Pinex is a highly concentrated compound of Norway pine extract, and is famous the world over for its healing effect on the membranes.

To avoid disappointment ask for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with full directions and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

FOUGHT BEHIND THE LINES

American and Canadian Engineers Escaped from Enemy Guards—Bare Hands Were Weapons

With the British Army in France, Tuesday, Dec. 5.—The best of many exciting episodes related in connection with the Cambrai fighting was that involving fifty American and Canadian engineers, together with some British fighting troops. These men were cut off in the German turning movement near Gouzeaucourt and were taken prisoner. A German escort of twenty soldiers or more started with them along the road leading from Gouzeaucourt to Cambrai. As they were proceeding disconsolately along toward the zone of the German prison cages, they came upon a small body of British troops, who had also been cut off from their comrades and were wandering about. The British Tommies immediately charged towards them.

The Germans tried to drive their captives off towards La Vacquerie, but the prisoners hurled themselves upon their guards and struggled barehanded until the Tommies arrived and disposed of the Germnas. The engineers and their comrades took the German rifles and worked their way back with their rescuers until they were able to reach a point where they could join the British line.

FOR TWELVE TONS OF TURKEY

Quartermaster's Department at Camp Funston Advertises for Bids

Camp Funston, Dec. 6.—Bids on 25,000 pounds of turkey for Christmas dinner for soldiers here were advertised today by Capt. F. T. Windle of the quartermaster's department. The hundreds of young turkeys will be delivered Dec. 22. Many boxes of fruit and other "good eats" for the Christmas dinner are already beginning to come in from the farms. The farmer fatherof one of the soldiers is going to send 1,500 pounds of dressed turkey to his son's regiment.

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